



ADOPT CITIES



Skill

Adopt Cities is moving into urban areas, engaging the diversity of people and cultures with the gospel, and crafting a regional mission strategy.

Design

Adopt Cities (city/traveler) > The picture of the urban landscape illustrates how cities settle many inhabitants into tall buildings: these are concentrated communities or urban villages. The motorcyclist illustrates that cities are regional hubs for travel, trade, and communication networks. The **sketch** is a shining city illustrating the New Heaven and Earth vision in Revelation 21. Every time we see a city, we long to be face-to-face with the Risen Lamb in Zion.

Story

Asia Regional Movement (Acts 19:1-12)

This story demonstrates Adopt Cities as a kingdom skill because we clearly see Paul using Ephesus city as a regional kingdom movement outpost. All of Asia heard about Jesus' resurrection in two years!. Paul and his team went on missionary journeys to many cities in multiple nations in search of local leadership teams to mobilize and train. Paul found some of John the Baptizer's disciples and trained them to receive Jesus' baptism and the Holy Spirit's power and gifts.

Scriptures

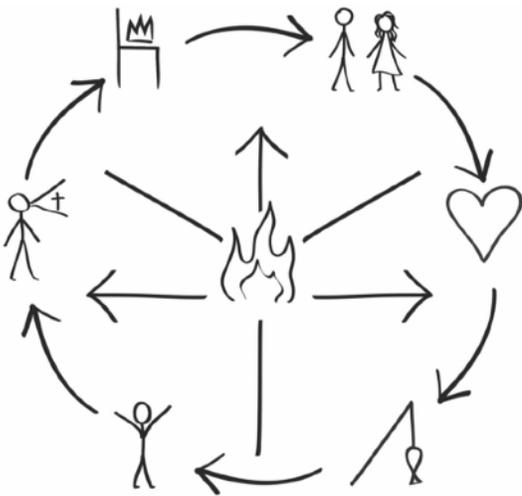
Jeremiah 29:7 > Seek the peace and prosperity of the city to which I have carried you into exile. Pray to the LORD for your community, because if your community prospers, you too will prosper.

Revelation 21:10-11 > The angel carried me away in the Spirit to a great and high mountain and showed me the holy city, Jerusalem, descending out of heaven from God, arrayed with His glory.

Lesson Summary

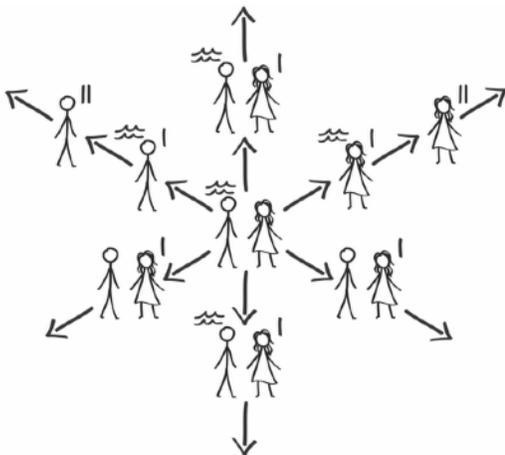
Adopt Cities involves a love for broken places and a vision for restoration. Nehemiah was broken for Jerusalem's devastation, and he embraced God's vision for rebuilding the broken city (Nehemiah 2:3-5). Yahweh set apart Refuge cities in Israel: a safe place for men to flee when they accidentally killed someone (Joshua 20). We are instructed by a psalmist to pray for the peace, prosperity, and protection of Jerusalem (Psalm 122). Yahweh, the Lamb, the tree of life, and living river will all dwell inside Zion city (Revelation 22:1-5).

Gathering Guide



- Holy Spirit (fire): Let the Spirit guide your meeting.
- **Step One** (back arrow): Last week questions.
- Abide (worshipper): How did you abide last week?
- Harvest (witness): Whom did you share with?
- **Step Two** (up arrow): Discover this week's skill in Scripture as you discuss the Bible story.
- God (throne/crown): What do we learn about God?
- People (man/woman): What do we learn about people?
- Practice: Practice telling this week's story in groups.
- **Step Three** (forward arrow): Next week questions.
- Abide (heart): How will you abide?
- Harvest (fishing): Whom will you share with?

Generations Map



- People of Peace (people/arrows): Draw your disciples and their disciples. Share recent stories of how you and your team are engaging lost people.
- Baptism (waves): Update your map with those who have been baptized. What is the next step for each disciple who still needs to be baptized or become a baptizer by experience?
- Generations (number lines): Update your map with generations. How can we pray for this movement?