



CAPE TOWN 2010 SESSION SUMMARY AND SEGMENT SYNOPSIS

This Summary and Synopsis document has two components:

Page 1 is the summary of all the speakers in the 90-minute session.

Pages 2 and following include a synopsis of each specific video segment extracted from the full 90-minute session.

FULL SESSION SUMMARY – God at Work in the World Through His Church: Diaspora and Megacities

DATE OF SESSION: 20 October 2010
SUMMARY SUBMITTED BY: Ella Crockett (CT2010 Communications Session Summary Team)
PRESENTER(S): Tim Keller, Sadiri Joy Tira, Samuel Escobar, and Rene Padilla
STATEMENT OF THE ISSUE/ PROBLEM: Why must we reach cities? Because they are important.
REGIONAL FOCUS: Latin American and the Caribbean

KEY POINTS: *In the cities you have to be passionate about evangelism and justice
*People in the cities have to be shown how their faith and work relate to each other

Tim Keller began by asking the question: Why must we reach cities? Then he answered by saying because they are important, both culturally and theologically.

Tim also talked about the chaos of cities and the instability they can bring to those who are not prepared to minister in the urban environment. One challenge for those who come from rural or suburban settings is to learn how the streets of a city work and how to reach out to those who walk on them. It is a challenge to see beyond their apartment building, ghetto, subway stop or church building. City dwellers have the unique challenge of feeling completely comfortable in a city where they know almost no one and where they have carved out a routine. He later explained that to go beyond your network of people and to break that routine is a very difficult task.

Cities are becoming the island of government in which cities will grow and expand. Cities are where most people are now moving to. If we want human life to be shaped by Jesus Christ, we need to go to the cities.

The most unreached people are in the cities. The people who make the films and write the books are in the cities. In cities you have to be passionate about evangelism and justice.

Toward the end of the fourth chapter of Jonah, Jonah is very unhappy because God did not destroy the city. Jonah has gotten attached to a vine but then the vine dies and Jonah becomes angry. God speaks to him and says, “Jonah, you love plants and I love people.”

TAKEAWAY

How we should reach the city? Churches in the city have to be extremely patient. People have to be shown how their faith relates to their work, their job. Churches in the city must be committed to the arts and constantly open to disorder and change. The church has to be intensely evangelistic.



1. SEGMENT SYNOPSIS

TOPIC: Megacities
SEGMENT TITLE: What is God's Urban Global Mission? – Tim Keller
SEGMENT DATE: 20 October 2010
SYNOPSIS WRITERS: Josue Fernandez and Tim Brannagan (CT2010 GlobalLink Team)

Cities are increasingly becoming powerful and influential in our world. Tim Keller, founder and pastor of New York's Redeemer Presbyterian Church in Manhattan, tells why we must, how we should, and why we can reach our cities with the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Over half of the world's population, the next generation, the wealthiest, and the most needy all live in urban cities.

While cities have distinct challenges that must be taken into account, we have tremendous opportunity as high priests to pray, to share, and to offer the righteousness of Jesus Christ to the millions of people who are lost and living in cities.

Study questions:

1. How can the church develop a clearer awareness of the needs of the cities?
2. What has been the response of the church in your context to the increased movement of people to the cities?
3. What are adjustments that the church should make in order to respond to the needs of the city in a relevant way?
4. How can the global church be mobilized to the missiological challenge of the city?



2. SEGMENT SYNOPSIS

TOPIC: Diaspora
SEGMENT TITLE: Diaspora Causes and Opportunities – Sadiri Joy Tira
SEGMENT DATE: 20 October 2010
SYNOPSIS WRITERS: Josue Fernandez and Tim Brannagan (CT2010 Globalink Team)

There are millions of Diaspora people who have moved from isolated places into our cities and communities. Now is a time unlike any other for the Church to reach out to these travelers. Christians should open their eyes and their hearts to this opportunity.

The church is on the move among these people on the move. Through evangelism, discipleship, and mobilization increased numbers are coming to faith and churches are being planting among these scattered peoples.

Study questions:

1. Where are Diaspora people found within your context?
2. What are the factors causing people to either move into or move out of your communities?
3. How can the Church reach out with the love of Christ to the Diaspora people in her midst?



3. SEGMENT SYNOPSIS

TOPIC: Regional Focus: Latin America and the Caribbean
SEGMENT TITLE: How Latin America has contributed to the Lausanne Movement – Samuel Escobar and Rene Padilla
SEGMENT DATE: 20 October 2010
SYNOPSIS WRITERS: Josue Fernandez and Tim Brannagan (CT2010 Globalink Team)

Beginning with Berlin 1966, Samuel Escobar and Rene Padilla recount the significant events, consultations, and publications which contributed to the Lausanne Movement. Topics such as the social responsibility of the church, theological questions for practical living, and integral mission are highlighted.

As the Lausanne Movement continues forward, Escobar and Padilla feel the topics of discipleship, globalization and unjust economic systems, and the destruction of the ecosystem must be at the forefront of discussions.

Study questions:

1. How should the Church respond to the social and economic needs of the world at large and the social and economic needs of your context specifically?
2. How is an integral mission approach an effective way to proclaim and display the Gospel of Jesus Christ?
3. As the Lausanne Movement goes forward, what are major concerns do you feel should be addressed?