

# FOR THE CITY

## We Live for the City

### Questions for Study and Group Discussion

1. Begin by talking about our city, Omaha. A few questions to get the conversation started might include the following:
  - How long have you lived here? Where in the city have you lived?
  - What parts of the city do you find yourself in most often? Are there any parts of the city you're unfamiliar with?
  - What are your favorite parts of Omaha?
2. How do you react when you hear the (probably conservative) stat that 675,000 people in Omaha don't have a church home, and are living without the hope of the gospel?
3. Read Luke 19:41. Why did Jesus weep over Jerusalem? How does Jesus' response show us how God feels about a city that doesn't know Him?
4. How should a heart for the city lead to action and mission? Check out John 20:21 and 2 Corinthians 5:14-21.
5. As a group, review the B.L.E.S.S. acronym that was introduced on Sunday. (Consider having some fun with this and making it a sort of "pop quiz." See if people in the group can recall what each letter of the acronym stands for, and briefly explain what it's referring to.)
  - B – Begin with prayer
  - L – Listen to what matters to them
  - E – Eat with them
  - S – Serve them
  - S – Share the story of how Jesus is changing you
6. What excites you most about being a blessing to the city and those around you in these ways?
7. Who are your "My 5 for the City" that you'll be seeking to B.L.E.S.S. in proactive, intentional ways? Share your list with your group, and brainstorm practical ways to begin B.L.E.S.S.-ing these people in your life.
8. Commit to praying for this "For the City" initiative over the next four weeks. This is a God-sized initiative, and we want God to guide us and bring life to our efforts! Pray for bold dependence, reliance on God's Word and sensitivity to His Spirit, and that this "For the City" initiative would take root in the life of our church family in lasting ways.