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*A FOURTH CENTURY CASE STUDY OF CITY MINISTRY – BASIL THE GREAT*

**BASIL THE GREAT**

* Basil the Great lived from (AD 329-379) in Caesarea of Cappadocia.
* Basil’s family practiced asceticism as a household.
* Basil was a monk, served as a reader, a presbyter, and then in AD 370 he became a bishop.
* Unlike many of the monks in his day, Basil regarded the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ as both his context for monastic living and Christian \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

**THE CITY OF CAESAREA**

* Caesarea was the capital of the Roman province of Cappadocia.
* Though Basil was popular with the people, he faced various challenges. He was challenged by \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ authorities. He was also challenged \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. And he was challenged by the social condition of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

**BASIL’S APPROACH TO MINISTRY**

Some scholars who have studied this era of history, this city in need, and the response of Basil and church have summarized their approach to ministry under four headings:

* Preaching and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* Prophetic Discourse
* Advocacy for the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* Practical response to the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**WHAT CAN WE LEARN FROM BASIL FOR CITY MINISTRY?**

* Preaching and Evangelism need to be \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in our city ministry.
* Prophetic discourse needs to aptly apply biblical exegesis to the relevant \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ issues of our context.
* We need to use our positions of authority and influence to advocate for things that represent the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of God.
* In our urban context, we need to discover practical ways to advance the gospel and aid our city in places of need.