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*BEING PROPERLY RELATED TO THE CITY FOR MINISTRY*

**JOHN STOTT**

“The greatest ambitions of man can be summarized in the pursuit of three things – significance, transcendence, and love. All of which are found in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.”

**WHAT’S NEEDED IN CITY MINISTRY**

1. We need the ability to present a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ message in unreasonable times.
2. We need to have the ability to welcome \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and address their intellectual and religious questions with a respectful and humble yet intelligent apologetic.
3. We need to be a countercultural force that contrasts the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of the city, and seeks to live according to creational design.
4. We need to reflect on the connection between the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and our particular city culture.

**WE WANT TO BE PROPERLY RELATED TO THE CITY**

The church \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the city: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

The church \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the city: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

The church \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the city: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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“The whole church is called as much to involvement in the world as to separation from it, as much to ‘worldliness’ as to ‘holiness.’ Not to a worldliness which is unholy, nor to a holiness which is unworldly, but to ‘\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_’ a true separation to God which is lived out in the world.” – John Stott

**WHAT DOES IT LOOK LIKE TO BE FOR THE CITY?**

**CONTEXTUALIZATION**

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| Christ-centered | Biblically grounded |
| Culturally aware | Outward facing |
| Contextually relevant | What else? |