



CITY TO CITY AUSTRALIA

City Catalyst Booklet

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OUR VISION

The vision of City to City Australia is to join with God to see major cities and towns in Australia worshipping Jesus Christ as Lord, so that God will renew them spiritually, socially and culturally to the glory of God the Father. City to City Australia is a resource for church planting and renewal in the cities of Australia. We seek to catalyse new church plants and strengthen existing churches through our programs and resources. We do this by:

- Training & equipping leaders
- Developing City Networks

WHAT WE DO

TRAINING

When church planters set out to start new churches in their cities, we want them to be faithful and fruitful. We recruit, assess, train, and coach local leaders all over Australia, helping them to launch and grow healthy churches.

RESOURCES

New churches take the lead to reach new people groups and generations with the Gospel and act as a lab for existing churches. City to City Australia utilises resources from our international City to City Network to share the best training, thinking and experience after planting about 300 churches.

NETWORKS

City to City works with network leaders all over the world to create sustainable and faster-growing Gospel movements. We are seeing networks of Gospel-centred churches that train, fund, and support others so that hundreds of new churches can be planted and sustained in 65 global cities by 2025.

FUNDING

Australia is expensive, and a lot of the churches we help start each year will require money to commence, and to grow. When the church becomes self-supporting, it can provide seed money to start another church in that city.

MOVEMENT

Our founder, Tim Keller says that it takes a movement to reach a city or place. In other words, we won't see Australia transformed by the Gospel until denominations, churches and leaders cease seeing each other as competition and start to cooperate and collaborate. City to City Australia is committed to helping catalyse this kind of Gospel movement through the sharing of resources and training.

EARLY STAGE CHURCH PLANTING

01

RESIDENCY

Church planting requires a unique set of learned skills in areas such as networking, designing vision, communication and fundraising. In the Residency, a planter will be immersed in a weekly program designed to equip them in all this and more, along with the benefit of learning alongside others in the same stage of planting.

03

ASSESSMENT

Few things are more important in planting than the competencies, the character, and the personal spirituality of the leader. Across the course of the Residency and Intensive, City to City employs a number of tools to examine key aspects of their character and competencies including the work of the Gospel in planters' lives, their dreams and plans for planting, and their alignment with CTC's Theological Core & Ethics statement. Their assessment culminates in a 360 review and debrief that uses the Christian Leadership Framework to set them up for ongoing health and development.

02

CHURCH PLANTING INTENSIVE

In partnership with City to City Asia Pacific, the Intensive is a training program for those starting churches, held online over two weeks. The program is designed to prepare church planters by exposing them to church planting concepts, theological resources to grow churches, leadership modules, and other church planting principles.

04

FUNDING

City to City Australia understands that church planting costs money. The City Renewal Fund was created to help with this challenge, by providing no-interest start up loans for new churches. The funds are paid back at a percentage of offerings, and then paid forward to start more churches. CRF loans are available to planters who have committed to the CTCA Residency, Intensive and Assessment pathway.



LATE STAGE PLANTING & ESTABLISHED MINISTRIES

1. INCUBATOR CORE

The Incubator CORE addresses what we believe at City to City Australia are the absolute essentials for understanding and building a ministry that will transform leaders, churches, and by God's grace, their wider communities.

It is an eight module unit offered over a year, focusing on engaging with and applying the gospel of Jesus Christ. We explore together the gospel's implications for ourselves as leaders, our ministry amongst God's church, as well as how to reach out into our communities with the message of God's love for us in Christ Jesus.

Taught in cohorts, each session provides opportunities for peer to peer coaching, personal spiritual formation, and practical application that combines Biblical theology with insights from a range of other disciplines.

2. INCUBATOR PLUS

The Incubator PLUS units apply the principles introduced in the Incubator CORE to specific aspects of mission and ministry. These units provide an opportunity to engage more fully with the topic with an opportunity to develop specific, contextual application, along with feedback from a cohort of peers as well as specialist trainers. They are offered across either one semester or a whole year.

Preaching:

Preaching is vital to the life and health of God's people. Christian leaders need to keep growing in their ability to faithfully handle the Bible and communicate its message effectively, so that Jesus is proclaimed in a way that connects deeply with those who hear, in order to both deepen faith and transform lives.

Ministry Design:

The Ministry Design unit is a targeted learning experience to guide you through auditing your ministry design and re-engineering it to promote and achieve genuine spiritual transformation in your context.

Family Systems Theory & Ministry:

This unit explores Family Systems Theory in depth and applies it in context of pastoral ministry. It engages with the learner personally (nuclear family and family of origin), as well as their wider church context. A deep dive into Family Systems Theory that is intensely practical with participants having the opportunity to present a family systems analysis of a current situation.



3. COACHING

Coaching provides church planters with support, assistance and accountability. A coach helps a planter develop their church planting competencies, addresses personal life issues, and provides insights into role navigation in the church planting project in the context of a coaching relationship. It is a process of imparting encouragement and skills to the planter in order to succeed in starting a Gospel-centred church, in the context of a Gospel friendship.

4. REVITALISE AUSTRALIA

While church planting is essential to transforming our city, just as vital is bringing new life to existing congregations experiencing plateauing or decline. Revitalise Australia comes alongside 'stuck' churches for a year of intensive engagement. Working across denominations and church expressions, in major cities and country towns, and with men and women church leaders, Revitalise Australia works to enable churches to move into a new season of fruitfulness. So that churches may grow. So that they may multiply. So that they may be prepared to better proclaim the gospel to more Australians.

Beginning with an in-depth analysis of their history and context, their strengths and opportunities, and then moving to sustained coaching, training, and resourcing, our prayer under God is to walk alongside churches, pastors, elders, ministry and parish teams, to equip, coach and grow Gospel-centred communities. To register your interest in Revitalise Australia, click [here](#).

5. MISSIONAL CONSULTATION

City to City offers the opportunity to meet regularly with City to City consultants with deep mission and evangelism experience to ensure outreach and evangelism remain on the agenda in a church plant. In these consultations, attention is given to the inner life and outward rhythms/practices of the planter and plant. A key point of focus is ensuring clear and contextual pathways are provided along which unbelievers can move to connect with Jesus and His church.



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