

A city skyline at dusk, featuring several tall skyscrapers. The sky is a mix of blue and orange. In the foreground, there are trees and a string of warm white lights hanging from them. The overall mood is urban and vibrant.

City MOVEMENTS

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Welcome to the March edition of City Movements. We pray it informs and inspires you to join with us in your own way, to help us build gospel movements in cities, towns and regions.

We praise God for you and your support, as we journey together!



Turbo-Charged For Ten Years

Ten years ago on March 26, 2014, Tim Keller opened the Pastors and Planters conference, and turbo-charged the ministry of City to City Australia, which had begun in a quiet way in 2011. Over 800 people gathered at Wesley Mission for 3 days to hear Tim and the Redeemer team lay out a vision for gospel-centred 'Center Church' ministry.

Many people still vividly remember the experience of being there, and how that week became significantly formative for their whole approach to gospel ministry.

We thought it would be a great way to celebrate this 10th anniversary by making the videos of Tim's keynote addresses available, each with a brief introduction. These videos speak with as much clarity, vision, power and inspiration now as they did 10 years ago. Click below to watch the first video of the series on **Movement Dynamics**:





Church Planting Intensive Part A: Healthy and Sustainable Church Planting

Have you ever been in a room of people with such gospel optimism that it's hard to conclude anything other than "the Lord is here among us"?

The Church Planting team recently gathered some of our current planters for a three-day intensive, exploring the difference Jesus Christ makes in church planting. These church planters - men and women from across denominations, towns and cities - are pursuing all kinds of new ministries and with a common purpose; to see many more people find forgiveness and transformation in Jesus Christ. Our difference was obvious, our unity around the gospel was palpable.

We wrestled with the renewal that grace brings; our own spiritual health; what tugs on our heart and how Jesus Christ truly satisfies; friendship and rhythms of work and rest in the midst of ministry and the uncertainties of planting; spiritual warfare; and practical goal setting. We mulled over John 15:5 and spent much time in small group prayer, sharing the joys and struggles of starting something new, and how the grace of God helps us.

It's a real honour to accompany our planters both at the two intensives each year and through their fortnightly cohorts for group coaching and training for the rest of the year. If you'd like to explore how City to City Australia could support you in church planting our team would love to talk to you - click [here](#) to chat to Chris Swann, Anna Boxwell or Adrian Tam.



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One-Day Indonesian Gospel Forum

City to City Australia had its first ever training in Bahasa, Indonesia in March this year. Two Gospel DNA tasters were organised in Sydney (2nd Mar) and Melbourne (16th Mar). The attendance for both meetings were attended by **24 church leaders** (from **12 churches**) and **36 churches leaders** (from **5 churches**), respectively.

Andrew Katay spoke on “theological vision” which spoke to the audience and got them excited. This was followed by a session on “gospel theology” by Professor Sen Sendjaya. The last session on “Gospel as the third way” was presented by Tanwin Tanoto (Sydney) and Sandy Citro (Melbourne). Most, if not all, of the participants were involved in deeper thinking about the gospel ministry at their respective churches and how the gospel can influence everything that they do.





**INDONESIAN GOSPEL FORUM
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Asian Ministries

City to City Australia's Mandarin and Cantonese Gospel Renewal Incubator CORE trainings were launched in Melbourne this last month. We currently have **7 people in the Mandarin Incubator** and **10 people in the Cantonese Incubator**.



"The reason I'm here is to learn more about the gospel and how it influences all my ministry. I attended the 2023 Gospel Renewal Camp last November, and I want to be continually renewed by the gospel through this Incubator CORE training too."

- Anonymous



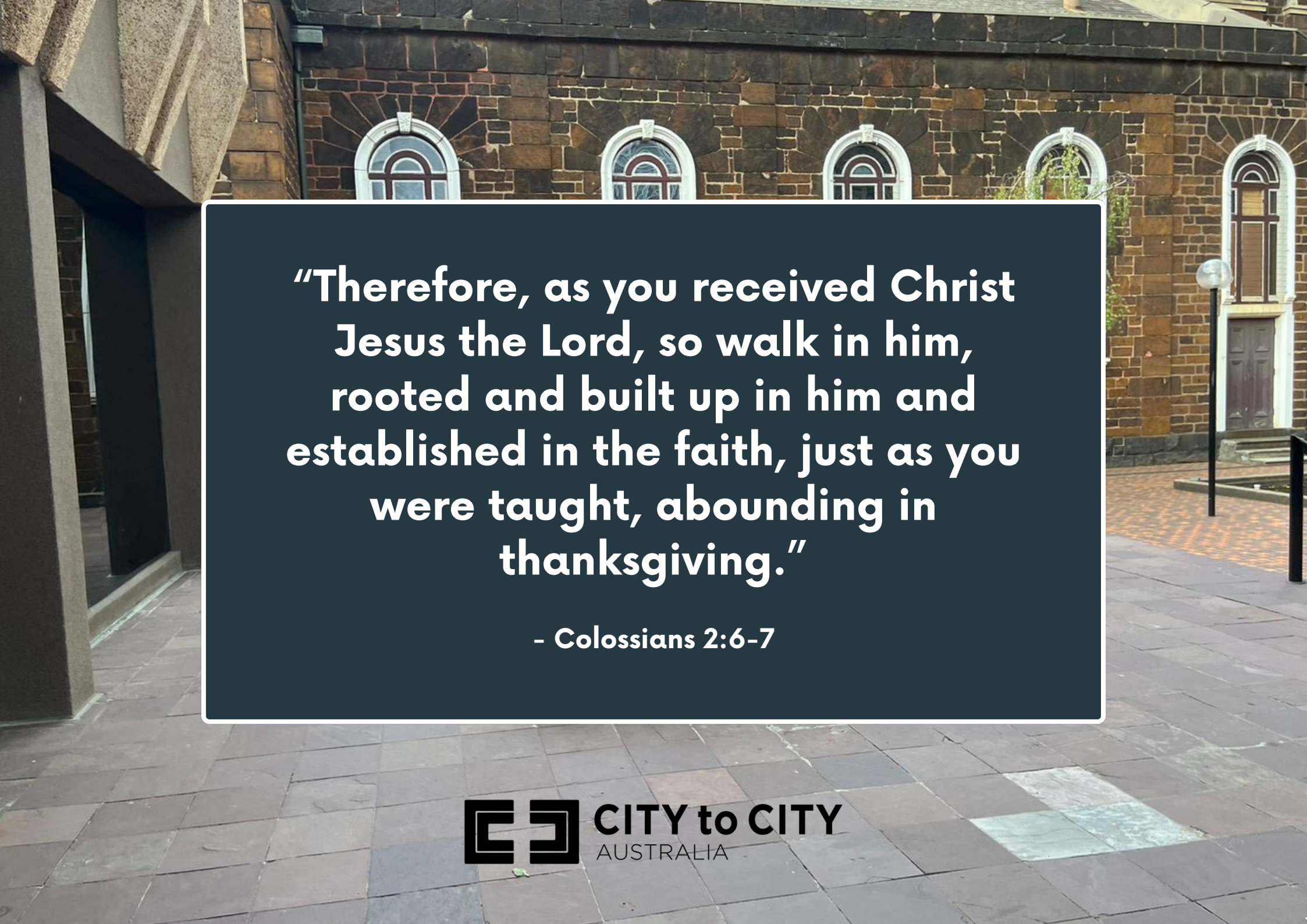
Discipleship Is Like Raising Your Children In A Subculture

- By David Rietveld

Christians do not quite fit in this new world. Even when the world uses terms like love, tolerance, freedom, and justice—these biblical terms have slightly new meanings. To be a Christian in the West now is to be different. We are other, or guests. Or as Peter says we are exiles (1 Peter 1:1), or aliens and strangers (Hebrews 11:13). Or as Khee-Vun says, we are now a subculture.

We raise our children in this world—a world that believes in self, choice, and freedom as the greatest goods. Our children will grow up fluent with these ideals. Consequently, they will, to some extent, believe in these things too. This is dangerous, but not all bad. These ideas are not anti-Christian. Rather they are half-Christian. As the saying goes, the most powerful heresies are half-truths pushed too far.

[Click here to read the full article.](#)



“Therefore, as you received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in him, rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.”

- Colossians 2:6-7