

COMMUNITY GROUP GUIDE

Grace city Vision

INTRODUCTION | Grace will fill Tokyo with the gospel

Grace city's vision (purpose and meaning for existence) is explained in the following way; "As one of Christ's churches, Grace City looks to proclaim and fill Tokyo with gospel in order to display God's glory. To this end we look to change individual lives, resurrect communities, impact the city and support all of life."

Scripture is the telling of God's magnificent drama in which by grace through the gospel of Christ the gloriously transformed. Let's turn to scripture to see how Grace City should be involved in God's vision.

SCRIPTURE | Jeremiah 29:4-7, Revelation 21:1-8

Jer 29:4-7

4 This is what the Lord of Armies, the God of Israel, says to all the exiles I deported from Jerusalem to Babylon: 5 "Build houses and live in them. Plant gardens and eat their produce. 6 Find wives for yourselves, and have sons and daughters. Find wives for your sons and give your daughters to men in marriage so that they may bear sons and daughters. Multiply there; do not decrease. 7 Pursue the well-being of the city I have deported you to. Pray to the Lord on its behalf, for when it thrives, you will thrive."

Rev 21:1-8

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. 2 I also saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared like a bride adorned for her husband. 3 Then I heard a loud voice from the throne: Look, God's dwelling is with humanity, and he will live with them. They will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them and will be their God. 4 He will wipe away every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; grief, crying, and pain will be no more, because the previous things have passed away. 5 Then the one seated on the throne said, "Look, I am making everything new." He also said, "Write, because these words are faithful and true." 6 Then he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. I will freely give to the thirsty from the spring of the water of life. 7 The one who conquers will inherit these things, and I will be his God, and he will be my son. 8 But the cowards, faithless, detestable, murderers, sexually immoral, sorcerers, idolaters, and all liars — their share will be in the lake that burns with fire and sulfur, which is the second death."

QUESTIONS |

- 1: (Jer 29) In what state were the Israelites when they heard God's plan? What points of God's vision challenged the Israelites?
- 2: What is the peace or shalom that God would bring through Israel? How are you working toward the peace of Tokyo?
- 3: (Rev 21:1-2) What is described about the world God will bring about in the future? Does this have any effect on the way you live your life?
- 4: (Rev 21:3-4) Is this world that God will bring to us coming soon? As for this heavenly vision of the new city that is to come can we see in our daily lives aspects of this through the gospel of Christ?
- 5: (Rev 21:5-7) What type of people was this vision given to? How does this help to encourage you in faith and life?

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- 6: Do you think Grace City's vision "to proclaim and fill Tokyo with gospel in order to display God's glory so that individual lives are changed, communities are resurrected, the city is impacted and all of life is supported" is important? How do you think these ministries can be effective? Discuss and share your thoughts

Lets read: Grace City Vision |

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Proclaim the gospel to the city- resurrect communities-impact the city- emphasize society all to God's glory

PRAYER |

- Pray that as we more and more understand God's unfolding drama of redemption our lives and Tokyo itself would be impacted. Praise God that Even in the midst of sin and failure, difficulty and trial the gospel of Christ shines forth so that there is forgiveness, healing and restoration.
- Pray that Grace City would be faithful in bringing the gospel and displaying God's glory. Workers, servant leaders, volunteers as well as many financial needs are necessary. Please pray that these needs would be met

UPCOMING EVENTS | This Week & Next Week

Lunchtime meetings (Kudanshita 3/28 Otemachi 3/30)

Grace City choir (3/27)

Obento Project (4/1)

Sunday corporate worship (4/2 KDDI hall 1:30~ and 3:30~)

London short term mission team (4/8-4/17) St. Helen's Bishopsgate Church

Sunday corporate worship (4/9 KDDI hall 1:30~ and 3:30~)