

SERMON OUTLINE

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Text : Luke 18: 8

Title : Transcendence In The Urban Church

However, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth? (Luke 18:8)

Introduction

The Challenge of Urbanisation and the Urban Dream

In the context of urbanization, we ask ourselves: How can we find faith in the city?

How can the church help us find faith in the city?

Firstly, let us look at Transcendence.

1. Transcendence

What is Transcendence?

Faith in God helps us to endure and not give up on human dreams and human beings.

Jurgen Moltmann reminded us not to give up our hope in God.

2. Prayer

Jacques Ellul reminded us that Prayer is an exercise of faith, an act of faith.

What can we do as an urban church... a church in the city?

Signals of Transcendence in the City

How can we point people to the Transcendent God?

The church in the city can play a transformational catalytic role in this uplift of the urban soul. As an eschatological community which has a glimpse of the hope of the future, the church can help build a city with a transcendent soul, is rooted in faith and hope and embracing in love and grace.

3. Priests in Prayer for the City

As an urban church, we need to be a praying church.

Can the church have faith in God, look up to Christ's example, and not only extend a hand to serve the needy but bend down with a pail and a towel to wash the feet of the hurting? That is the Church incarnate in the city... down to earth... at street level. Prayer helps us keep one eye on God and the other eye on the City.

Prayer is such a key action for the city that when a crisis arises, the city turns to prayer and asks for prayer.

Conclusion

Our Transcendent faith in God who loves the city and is incarnate through His Church, is the basis of all our activism and ministry in the city, from Singapore to Asia and beyond.

May we pray that His Kingdom come and His Will be done on earth, right here in our cities as we await the arrival and descent of that celestial city, whose Builder and Architect is God.

May God help us to remain faithful and full of faith in God so that the Son of Man will find faith on earth when He comes again.