

# The MAKING of a CITY CHANGER

**Discipleship is not just information transfer, it is identity formation. It is not behavior management, it is transformation into people who represent heaven on earth and carry it into the cities in which they live.**

If we want to raise City Changers, we must form people who live from union with Christ and move toward their world with intentional faith, love and hope. Here are nine key outcomes in that journey:

## 1. ANCHORED | *Identity formed in union with Christ*

***Before someone can change a city, they must be grounded in who they are.*** A disciple begins by becoming anchored in a new identity defined by Christ. To be anchored means discovering that your life is not defined by your past, your performance, or your pain. You are defined by your participation in Christ. You died with Him. You were raised with Him. You are seated with Him in heavenly places.

This is not metaphor – it is your spiritual location. When someone is anchored in Christ: Shame loses its grip. Comparison loses its power. Insecurity loses its voice. Discipleship must repeatedly return to this foundation. If identity is unclear, mission becomes program-driven. If identity is secure, mission becomes love-driven. Anchored people are not shaken by cultural pressure because their life is hidden in Christ.

## 2. ABIDING | *Living in conscious union with the Father*

After being anchored comes Abiding. Abiding is not striving to get closer to God. It is awakening to the reality that He has already drawn near. There is no distance left to close. The Father has made His home in you. ***City changers live with a deep interior awareness: God is here.*** God is present. God is active.

Abiding reshapes how someone prays. They are not trying to get heaven's attention. They are participating in heaven's activity. This removes delay thinking "one day". Instead, the disciple learns: God is already at work in my family, my workplace, my city. Abiding forms people who carry peace into chaos because they live from communion, not reaction.

## 3. ALIGNED | *Integrity flowing from identity and Intimacy*

Integrity is not moral pressure, (adjusting to a Christian culture) it is alignment with who you truly are (embracing your new Christlike nature). When someone sees themselves as new in

Christ and aware of God's abiding presence, they begin to desire congruence. Their private life and public life move toward harmony. ***City changers cannot live fragmented lives.***

Alignment means: My behavior matches my being. My conduct matches my confession. My faith informs my decisions. This is not legalism – it is love responding to revelation. Alignment creates credibility. And credibility creates influence. And influence is essential for transforming cities.

#### **4. MERCY** | *Seeing people through the lens of redemption*

Mercy begins with a conviction – seeing every person as an image-bearer of God. Every person carries inherent value. Mercy allows us to see: The skeptic as someone longing for truth. The addicted person as a precious son or daughter. The broken as someone longing for restoration. ***City Changers refuse contempt.*** They refuse superiority. They refuse indifference. Mercy fuels engagement not from obligation but from compassion. It recognizes that redemption is not based on exclusion but inclusion – bringing restoration to people. Welcoming every human into the embrace of God's acceptance, healing and restoration.

Without mercy, mission becomes mechanical. With mercy, mission becomes incarnational.

#### **5. MANDATED** | *Empowered to represent the Kingdom*

Every disciple must understand they are called and anointed to live out the Christ life, and represent its kingdom in influence in the church and in their everyday life. Calling is not reserved for clergy. The Spirit of God has empowered every believer to carry Kingdom life into ordinary spaces. ***City Changers reject the sacred/secular divide.*** They know: The Holy Spirit empowers conversations, guides decisions and opens doors for ministry in everyday life. Anointed people do not wait for platforms. They no longer just live for themselves but discover the joy of living beyond themselves to serve others. Discipleship must consistently reinforce this truth: You are empowered, you are a conduit of God's grace. When ordinary believers embrace their calling, they start to serve in the program of the church, and awaken to serve their communities to begin to experience Kingdom impact.

#### **6. MOBILIZATION** | *Harnessing gifts for Kingdom impact*

***Stewardship. Every disciple is uniquely wired.*** Their personality, passions, experiences, resources – all become tools in God's hands. City Changers understand that: Time is a mechanism for service. Talent is a gift to serve others. Treasure is a resource for Kingdom purpose. Stewardship moves someone from consumer to contributor. It asks: How has God shaped me? Where has He placed me? What has He entrusted to me? Discipleship helps people discover their design and deploy it strategically. When believers steward their lives intentionally, the Church becomes empowered – and the community is blessed.

## 7. VANTAGE | *A worldview shaped by Christ's Lordship*

***A city changer must adopt a Kingdom worldview*** – this is a point of departure, and a new vantage point to interpret all reality. Jesus is not Lord of a religious corner – He is Lord of all.

This transforms how a disciple understands: The Gospel (not escape to heaven, but heaven invading earth).

Society (not secular territory, but Kingdom possibility) Culture (not enemy ground, but mission field).

Kingdom thinking reshapes imagination. The disciple begins to see: business, education, government, arts, media, sport, social society and the church – all under Christ's authority. When worldview shifts, engagement shifts. City changers no longer retreat from culture; they renew it.

## 8. VOCATION | *Work as worship*

***City changers embrace a kingdom perspective on vocation.*** Work is not separate from worship. In Scripture's earliest revelation, work and worship share the same sacred meaning. The garden was the first sanctuary. Vocation reframes Monday. The workplace becomes a sacred space. The classroom, boardroom, office and construction site becomes an environment where worship is practiced. City Changers ask: How does my work reflect God's heart, character and impact? Living from a fathering, faithful and fruitful presence for the kingdom. When vocation becomes worship, mediocrity disappears and purpose awakens. There is a clear understanding how to connect Sunday's Faith to Monday's life.

## 9. VICTORY | *Bringing wholeness to the city*

The final movement is Shalom. Shalom is more than peace – it is wholeness, restoration, and flourishing.

***City Changers carry: Faith to address lostness.*** (the deep revelation of Redemption and every human beings inclusion in the greatest moment of love expression on the planet) Love to address pain. Hope to address systemic brokenness. Shalom touches: Homes, Workplaces, Neighborhoods. A family on mission.

IDENTIFICATION - Anchored.

CONTRIBUTION - Mobilized.

INTIMACY - Abiding.

WORLDVIEW - Vantage.

INTEGRITY - Alignment.

WORK- Vocation.

COMPASSION - Mercy.

WHOLENESS - Victory.

CALLING - Mandated.



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Discipleship must move beyond church attendance and into whole-life formation.

When these nine concepts take root in a community, the Church becomes more than a gathering – it becomes a distributed force for mission.