

Many things can make us feel worthwhile and significant, but our deepest hunger is only satisfied when we're rightly related to God. Only our Creator can give us the fullness of life we crave. Jesus' death on the cross is proof that we could not possibly have more worth and significance to God. Despite our sin, our Creator thinks we are worth experiencing a hellish death for. In fact, it was for the joy of spending eternity with us that Jesus endured the cross. In other words, Calvary reveals our unsurpassable worth and significance. At the core of our being, this is what we long for.

**Boyd, Present Perfect**

Once you were alienated from God and were enemies in your minds because of your evil behavior. But now he has reconciled you by Christ's physical body through death to present you holy in his sight, without blemish and free from accusation

**St Paul to the Colossians**

# LIFE : *In Christ*

*A study in Colossians*



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(You have received instructions about him; if he comes to you, welcome him.) Jesus, who is called Justus, also sends greetings. These are the only Jews among my co-workers for the kingdom of God, and they have proved a comfort to me. Epaphras, who is one of you and a servant of Christ Jesus, sends greetings. He is always wrestling in prayer for you, that you may stand firm in all the will of God, mature and fully assured. I vouch for him that he is working hard for you and for those at Laodicea and Hierapolis.

Our dear friend Luke, the doctor, and Demas send greetings. Give my greetings to the brothers and sisters at Laodicea, and to Nympha and the church in her house. After this letter has been read to you, see that it is also read in the church of the Laodiceans and that you in turn read the letter from Laodicea. Tell Archippus: "See to it that you complete the work you have received in the Lord." I, Paul, write this greeting in my own hand.

Remember my chains.

Grace be with you.

**Colossians 4 vs. 7-18**

*The cry of our hearts  
has been met in Jesus*



*We have been rescued  
and set free*



*Christ IN us*

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*the hope of glory*



*Rooted. Built.*

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*Victory. Parade.*



*New life. New Spirit.*  
*New Center. New Community.*



*Kingdom dynamics  
in the family.*



*Doors. Clarity.*  

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*Wisdom. Speech*



# *How?*

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*The Kingdom moves  
along relational lines*



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*The Kingdom deconstructs  
boundaries and reconstructs  
a new humanity*



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*The Kingdom of God*  
*has a place for everyone*



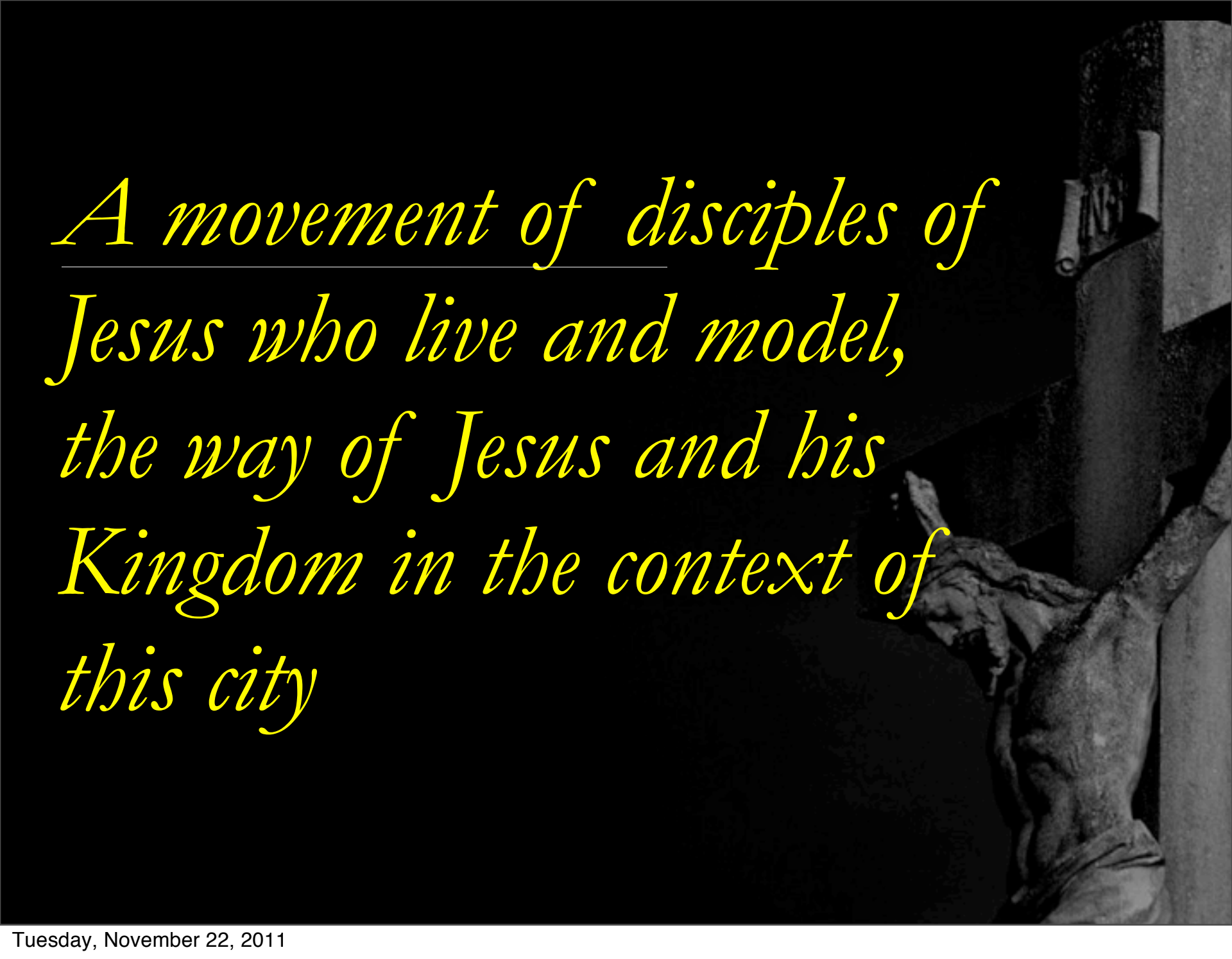
# *US?*

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In the same way, the gospel is bearing fruit and growing throughout the whole world—just as it has been doing among you since the day you heard it and truly understood God's grace.

Colossians 1 vs. 6



*A movement of disciples of  
Jesus who live and model,  
the way of Jesus and his  
Kingdom in the context of  
this city*

*Abundant resources  
for Justice and Care*



*A new Parish Church  
in Washington Heights*



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*in Washington Heights*



*A Church Planting  
network called  
City Collective*



# *RESPONSE*

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*Commit to what God  
is doing amongst us here*



*Pray for what God is  
doing outside your sphere*



*Give to what God  
is extending through  
the whole.*



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