

Being 'For the City'

Series: **commUnity** (Part 5)

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The Promise: _____

For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. Jeremiah 29:11

The Premise: _____

*"Thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel, to all the exiles whom I have sent into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon: Build houses and live in them; plant gardens and eat their produce. Take wives and have sons and daughters; take wives for your sons, and give your daughters in marriage, that they may bear sons and daughters; multiply there, and do not decrease. **But seek the welfare of the city where I have sent you into exile, and pray to the LORD on its behalf, for in its welfare you will find your welfare.** Jeremiah 29:4-7*

The Process: _____

*Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ, **To those who are elect exiles of the Dispersion in Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia...** 1 Peter 1:1*

Three Kingdom Facets of our Social Ethic:

- 1. As Jesus' Disciples, we Acknowledge our Social _____**
Keep your conduct among the Gentiles honorable, so that when they speak against you as evildoers, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day of visitation. 1 Peter 2:12
- 2. As Jesus' Disciples, we Embrace our Spiritual _____**
Though you have not seen him, you love him. Though you do not now see him, you believe in him and rejoice with joy that is inexpressible and filled with glory, ⁹obtaining the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls. 1 Peter 1:8-9
- 3. As Jesus' Disciples, we Own our Socio-Spiritual _____.**
How?
 - A) We _____ Jesus with our Lives and Lips.**
But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. 1 Peter 2:9
 - B) We _____ Jesus in our Suffering.**
For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you might follow in his steps. 1 Peter 2:21
 - C) In Jesus, we _____ a Society that Persecutes, Discriminates, and Reviles.**
Do not repay evil for evil or reviling for reviling, but on the contrary, bless, for to this you were called, that you may obtain a blessing. 1 Peter 3:9