

Xenos Summer Institute – 2013
Adorning the Gospel in your Community
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Intro - Adorn = “put clothes on”
- Titus 2:9-10

WHY?

- God’s Pursuit of You!

- Jesus’ Example – John 1:14

- Sent as Lights – Matt 5:14-16

The Challenge!

- *How are we loving, and leading others to love, in “word and deed?”* Heb.10:24,25

- *Am I actively silencing accusations against God?* 1 Pet 2:12,15; Titus 2:7,8

- *Do we need to repent?*

WHAT? Mt.16:18

- Prayer!
 - Begin with self!

 - Call on a few to join you

 - Pray for ownership

 - “Prayer concert”

- Start where you are!
 - Neighborhoods
 - Jobs
 - Existing agencies
 - City-wide efforts
- Intentional Mission & Mobilization – Nehemiah!
 - Clear mission stated
 - “what” we are called to
 - “where” we are called
 - “how” we advance the call
 - “when” we practice
 - “who” will be our focus

CONCLUSION - Arguments can always be made against... let's return to what we know:

- “Let your light shine before men...and glorify your Father”
- There are many open doors for adorning the Gospel through “word and deed”
- This is the very thing everyone needs! - Isa 58:10,11

“You are never more like God than when you are living in relationships with God's people and working in partnerships for the re-creation and redemption of God's world.”
Ray Bakke, *A Theology As Big As The City*, p35