

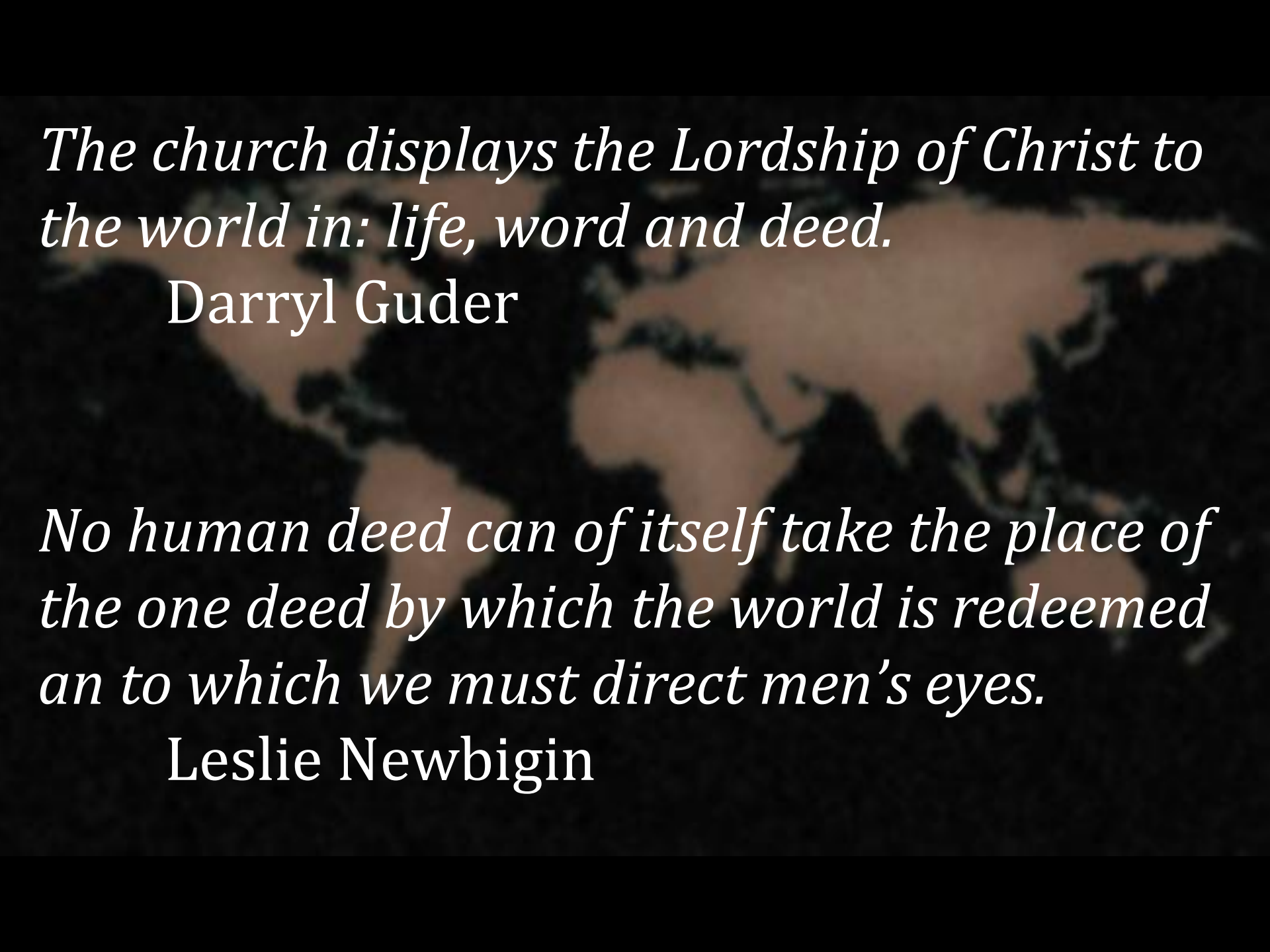
The heart of a biblical worldview—a three part movement

1. God has given generously
2. His people respond with thanksgiving
3. Thanksgiving results in generosity, justice and inclusion



*The church is a sign, instrument and
foretaste of the Kingdom of God.*

Leslie Newbigin



The church displays the Lordship of Christ to the world in: life, word and deed.

Darryl Guder

No human deed can of itself take the place of the one deed by which the world is redeemed and to which we must direct men's eyes.

Leslie Newbigin

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Deuteronomy 10:18-19

The 'stranger' in Deuteronomy

Deuteronomy 16:11

Deuteronomy 5:14

(See also: 1:16; 14:21, 29; 16:11, 14; 24:14, 17, 19-21; 26:11-13; 27:19; 29:11; 31:12)

10:14 Behold, to the LORD your God belong heaven and the heaven of heavens, the earth with all that is in it.

15 Yet the LORD set his heart in love on your fathers and chose their offspring after them, you above all peoples, as is the case this day.

16 Circumcise therefore the foreskin of your heart, and stiffen your necks no more.

17 For the LORD your God is God of gods and Lord of lords, the great, the mighty, and the awesome God, who shows no favour and takes no bribe.

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1. 'Love', a covenant term, is used for YHWH's commitment to the refugee.
2. No warning is attached to YHWH's love for the refugee.
3. YHWH loves the stranger by giving them food and clothing



*Love the stranger, therefore, for you were
strangers in the land of Egypt.*

Deuteronomy 10:18-19

Israel were strangers in Egypt, and then
oppressed.

God's people are to have a covenant
commitment—a fierce loyalty—to the
stranger/refugee.

Year 2011-12 statistics

- 42.5 million people ended 2011 as refugees
- 245,270 immigrants to Australia in the year 2011-2012
- 14,620 refugees accepted in the year 2011-2012

Top countries of origin for the year 2011-2012

- Myanmar
- Iraq
- Bhutan
- Afghanistan
- DR Congo
- Sri Lanka
- Iran

Leading for mission:

Two vital questions that dominate the life, study and ministry of missional pastors:

1. What is the shape of the mission of the church? (theological and contextual)

2. How do I mobilize my church into the mission of Christ?

Leading for mission: four strategies

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1. Pray for it

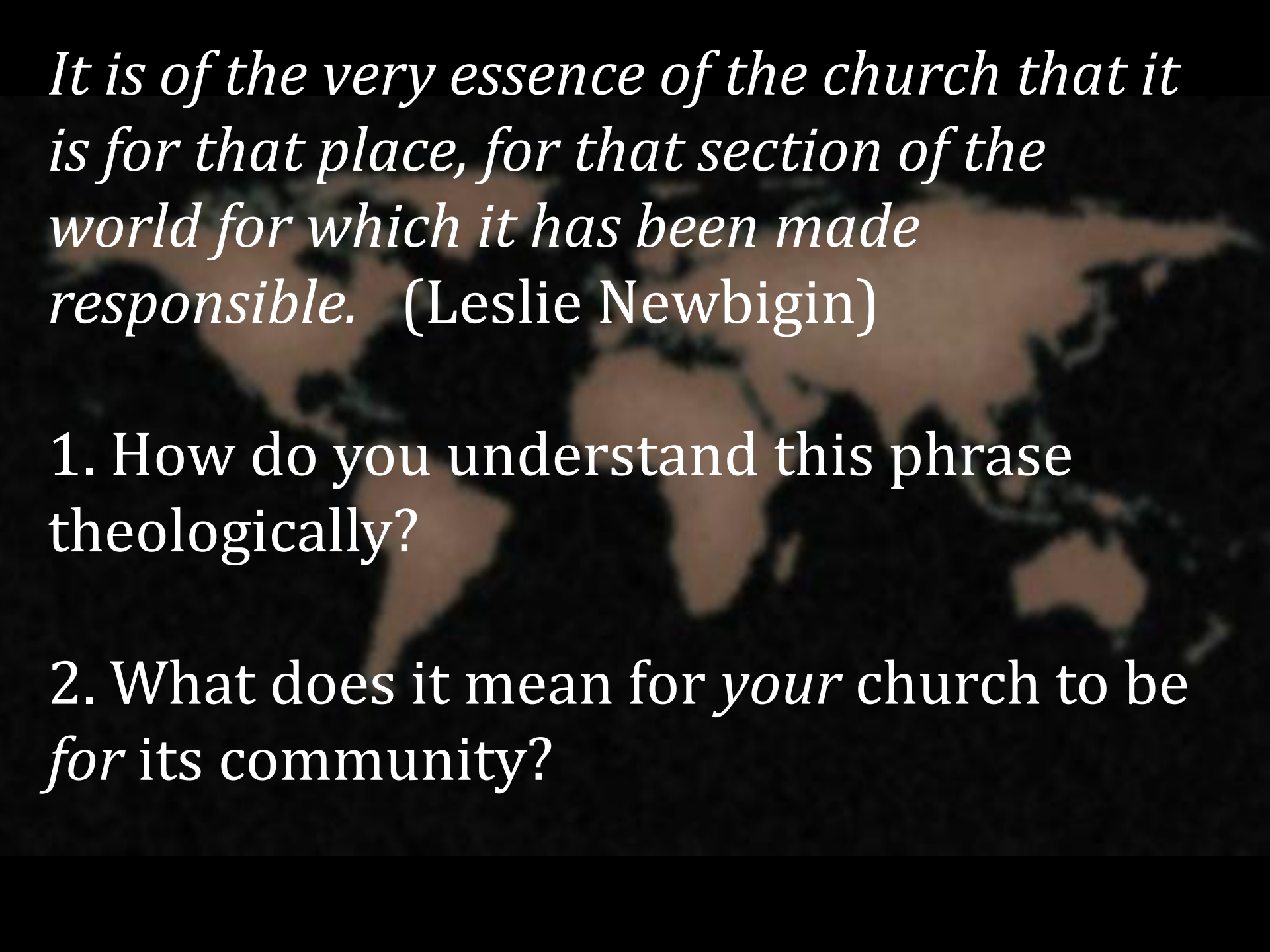
2. Preach for it

3. Model it

4. Worship for it



Peace be to These Streets



It is of the very essence of the church that it is for that place, for that section of the world for which it has been made responsible. (Leslie Newbigin)

1. How do you understand this phrase theologically?

2. What does it mean for *your* church to be *for* its community?