DECODING YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD

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THE PAST AFFECTS THE PRESENT. EVANGELICALS EXEGETE SCRIPTURE, BUT WHAT IF WE APPLIED THE SAME DISCIPLINE TO EXEGETING OUR COMMUNITIES? LOOKING AT HISTORY WILL HELP DECODE THE WAY WE UNDERSTAND SYSTEMS THAT AFFECT WHERE BUILDINGS, SCHOOLS AND FREEWAYS ARE TODAY, WHICH WILL HELP YOU ENTER INTO YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD WITH UNDERSTANDING AND HUMILITY.
LEARN THE HISTORY OF WHERE YOU SERVE LOOKING AT HISTORY WILL HELP THE WAY WE UNDERSTAND SYSTEMS THAT AFFECT TODAY.
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- buildings
- schools
- freeways

-Los Angeles Readlining map
find the key moments that affected the present day make up of your city
SPIRITUAL DISCOVERY

Discover God in the city
What is God doing before you arrived?
EXEGETE THE COMMUNITY

➤ Look at the structures
➤ Look for “scraps of life”
➤ Look at the signage
➤ Look at the space
➤ Sounds and smells
➤ Look for the signs of hope

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The Kingdom of God is like the mustard seed, the smallest when sown it grows the largest tree with branches. In its shade birds can dwell. (Mark 4:31)
WHAT IS ALREADY GROWING

Who knows? ...and how do they know?

Who cares? ...and why do they care?

What do they have to give? ...and why would they
give it?

Who knows them? make a connection? ...and how can we

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