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#### 1. Focus on one major idea





"As a prisoner for the Lord, then, I urge you to live a life worthy of the calling you have received."

Ephesians 4:1



"When he ascended on high, he led captives in his train and gave gifts to men."

Ephesians 4:8



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# "Be imitators of God, therefore, as dearly loved children..."

Ephesians 5:1



"Do not get drunk on wine, which leads to debauchery. Instead, be filled with the Spirit."

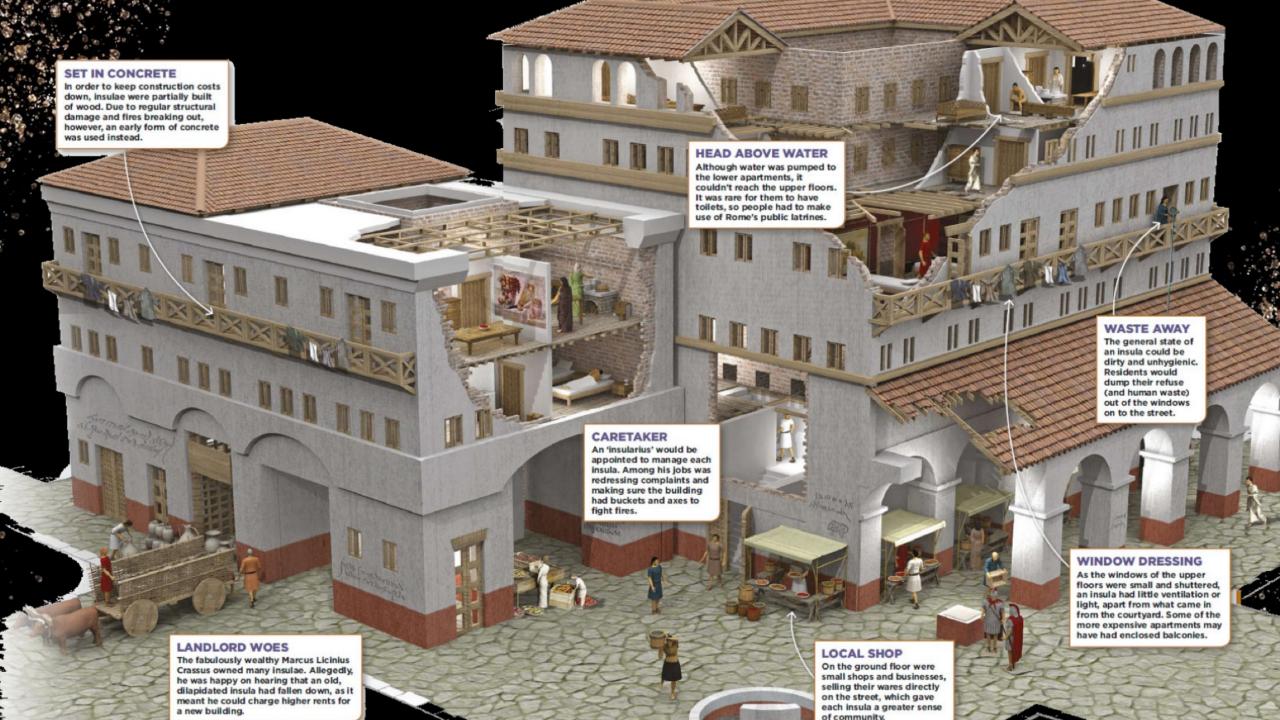
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"Compared with even the most crime-prone modern cities, these cities were overrun with crime. 'Night fell over the city like the shadow. of a great danger, diffused, sinister, and menacing. Everyone fled to his home, shut himself in, and barricaded the entrance."

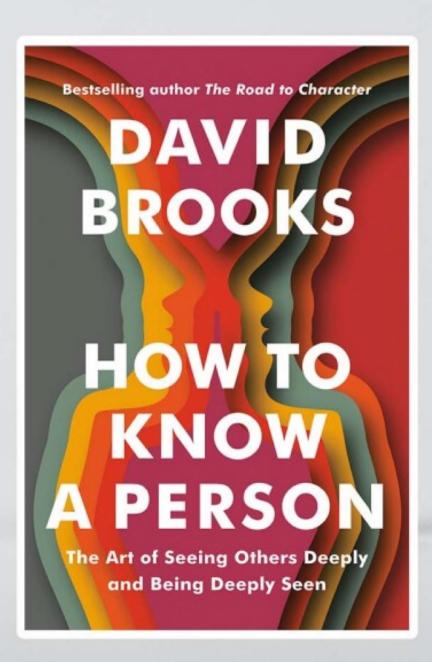
#### Rodney Stark

Cities of God, 28.







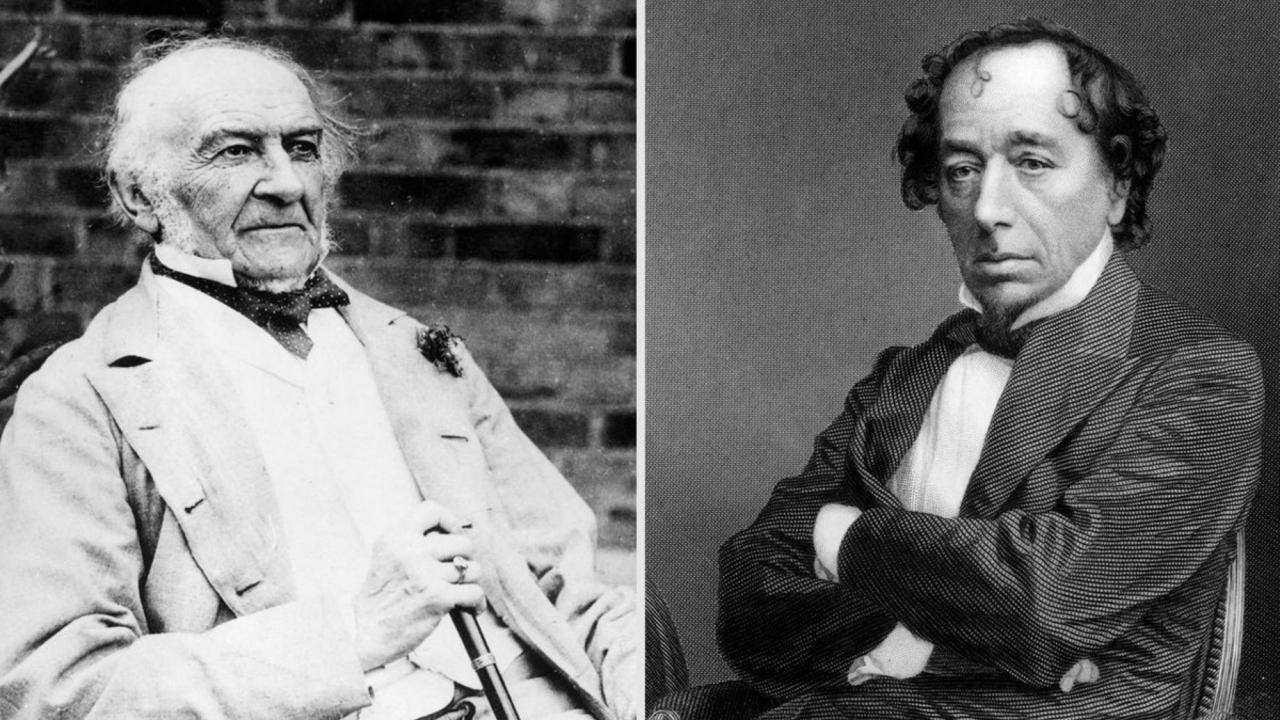




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## Illuminators:

1. Make people feel seen.



"Some participants in the banquet are poor; in their hunger they are attracted to a religious gathering that provided real food. Many people are present who in the wider society are powerless, of no account, and who will never have enough money or influence to be at a non-Christian banquet."

#### Alan Kreider

The Patient Ferment of the Early Church, 188

"Here, in the Christian banquet, they have worth. Not only can they eat; they also can speak. In the symposium they discover that they have gifts; they have voices and worthwhile things to contribute."

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#### Illuminators:

- 1. Make people feel seen.
- 2. Expose what's broken by inspiring a better way

"For it is shameful even to mention what the disobedient do in secret. But everything exposed by the light becomes visible, for it is light that makes everything visible. This is why it is said..."

Ephesians 5:13-14a











# The good news of Jesus in their lives became news that was actually good for the world.



