



Guiding Principles for Urbanrevs

These Urbanrevs **GUIDING PRINCIPLES** have been compiled by dozens of experienced men and women over many years of serving Jesus in community. They are non-negotiable for Urbanrevs living out the Kingdom in the community.

You can use this list to rate how you have been tracking. They are not in any particular order although the first could be said to matter the most.

Guiding Principle	Simple Description	Rate Yourself
Their relationship with Christ & others is their ministry	The central most significant element of being a sports chaplain is that they bring all of themselves, their person; patiently present to the sports community they serve. This is reflected by building enduring and endearing relationships – authentic relationships. As Christ abides in each person through faith Christ is present with the Chaplain also. It could be said that ‘Chaplains re---present Christ’ – this is because He has often not been well presented in the past.	☆☆☆☆☆
They serve without discrimination	Urban revs pastor (shepherd) everyone in their community regardless of race, creed, colour, life orientation, etc. EG, We don’t unnecessarily hang with just the important people in the community.	☆☆☆☆☆
They’re always a guest	Urban revs are always a guest in their community. They never treat their community with contempt, or with an expectation of privilege. EG, When a coffee cup is used it is washed and put away.	☆☆☆☆☆
They don't go alone	Urban revs understand their ministry is an outside-in ministry and prone to isolation and functional loneliness. EG, They have people praying for them, engage with a small group, having their church affirm their influence, they affirm their church in <i>sending them</i> and stay connected with their faith network as friends in ministry.	☆☆☆☆☆
They’re a catalyst for growth	Urban revs champion the growth of God’s Kingdom to see grace and mercy engage many more people than they can personally reach. EG, help multiply more urban revs.	☆☆☆☆☆

They will be visible	Visibility is credibility for urban revs. EG, They greet community officials on arrival, they stay visible and accessible for people wanting to chat and don't get caught up in so much activity that they become invisible by busyness.	☆☆☆☆☆
They keep it pure	Urban revs don't carry various agendas in their role. Additional to their presence in the community they wear one other significant hat. That of a pastoral carer. That's why they value them. They avoid the temptation of distraction, encumbrance and superseding priorities. Luke 10 is their ministry model – keeping it light. EG, Avoid using the community to conduct personal business or multiple activities. There is a simplicity in the offering of an urban rev. 2 Cor 11:3 “But I am afraid that, as the serpent deceived Eve by his craftiness, your minds will be led astray from the simplicity and purity of devotion to Christ.” We must avoid many seemingly good willed people who will want to encumber the role with unnecessary additional expectations and burdens. The devil slowly and subtly adds hidden complexities to overwhelm us (Hebrews 12:1).	☆☆☆☆☆
They're comfortable inviting people to respond	Helping people respond to Christ, help, forgiveness, grace, mercy and change is a skill urban revs are comfortable with. EG, praying with a friend	☆☆☆☆☆
They are trustworthy people	Urban revs are trusted people. They keep learning. They are faithful ambassadors of Christ's Kingdom to their community.	☆☆☆☆☆
They're authentic people	Possibly the most practical personality trait of urban revs in Australia is they are authentic in faith, words, conduct and relationships. Aussies love fair-dinkum people in words and actions.	☆☆☆☆☆
They're a servant leader	Urban revs bring leadership to their communities through serving (what they are good at, eg, skills/talents, gifts etc.) They faithfully serve their community. However they are not a servant of the community – they are a servant of Jesus Christ.	☆☆☆☆☆
They don't want a paid job	An urban rev is always a volunteer. Urban revs are never employed to be community shepherds (pastoral carers). Nor do they want to serve with remuneration in mind or to climb the employment ladder. They remain off-the-books (a non-employee) and POWERFULLY neutral in their role. They can receive occasional gifts from their community and financial support from their supporters (eg. Missionaries) – but most of the time this isn't necessary.	☆☆☆☆☆
They are neutral	Urban revs don't engage in “politics”. We don't take sides within their community, including families or our close relationships. We always seek the best long-term outcome for each person. We are there for everyone – even if we think they are right or wrong. We wisely consider how we can avoid alienating those we are	☆☆☆☆☆

	reaching even when matters demand 'righteous' alignment. E.g. Championing the minimalizing of alcohol consumption. Consider engaging others to fight this fight.	
They do ministry 'to' the community and not 'through' the community	A major paradigm shift for urban revs is they understand the importance of serving people as an ends in itself. They don't approach doing ministry 'through' the person or community whereby it becomes utilitarian. We don't use people, or our communities for another purposes or agendas (e.g. get them to church). They (the community) <u>are</u> our agenda. Aussies have a deep dislike for outsiders using them for 'another' purpose!	☆☆☆☆☆
They commit to make time	Urban revs are usually busy people who have chosen to "make" time – not "have" time to serve. They understand time is the greatest personal gift they bring to the table in their chaplaincy.	☆☆☆☆☆
They're discerning	Urban revs are always prayerful and ask God for understanding, wisdom, boldness and sensitivity in matters of doing their ministry. They seek the Holy Spirit's leadership and gifts in the role as urban revs.	☆☆☆☆☆
They build people	Urban revs are deeply committed to building people which includes helping Christian people walk closer to Christ, and helping others by mentoring and support.	☆☆☆☆☆
To them, privacy is king	Confidentiality is an unquestionable characteristic of a highly effective urban rev. E.g. When told something private, don't let others, e.g., superiors know without permission.	☆☆☆☆☆

