Abstract
This thesis looks at the missiological implications of church planting in global cities. Chapter 1 introduces the main argument for this thesis: that all evangelism strategies should hold church planting as the end goal and that the most strategic places to implement these strategies are our global cities as evidenced by what has happened in New York City. The chapter will begin with a look at the significant movement that has happened in Manhattan over a twenty year period (1990-2010) with the evangelical population of the city growing from less than one percent evangelical to now more than three percent. An introduction to the definition of global cities will segue into a look at the imperative for church planting initiatives in these cities. Chapter 2 will
To highlight the church planting work happening in the Western U.S., we sat down with Chris Lagerlof, executive catalyst for Mission Orange County, who's working with churches in 34 cities to collaborate for the good of their city and plant churches that have a city focus. Here in this interview, Lagerlof talks about why churches must go “deep and wide” in their city, and shares insightful lessons all church planters—regardless of your location or context—can learn from as you make disciples. Before launching Mission OC, I worked with a global organization (Vision 360) to help start collaborative movements in cities like Long Beach and San Jose. Mission OC wants to help catalyze a city-centric church planting movement and not a church-centric planting movement.