

# **The Workplace...**

## **A Missional Opportunity for Your Church!**

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Did you know that by the time your people retire from their job they will have spent approximately 90,000 hours in the workplace? While at the same time, if they attended church regularly they will have spent approximately 5,000 hours in church. This means for every 1 hour spent at church they spent 18 hours at the workplace. In order to fulfill the Great Commission, we cannot ignore the workplace. Please consider how the workplace can become a missional opportunity for people in your local church!

1. **Awareness**... During your service present a short thought or statistic about work that would arouse people's thinking about their workplace. Example: How much of life is spent there? How people strive for fulfillment through their job but lack finding it. It is found in God's greater purpose. Or let someone share a brief testimony how God used them in their workplace. This would be used to highlight how our church will start incorporating the workplace as part of our missional perspective.
2. **Instructional**... provide lessons/materials that lay a foundation for people to build their work life upon. Teach them how God views their work and provide practical examples how they can become God's influence in their workplace as they naturally intersect with the people and situations there. (We provide 4-session training)
3. **Recognition**... publicly recognize those who have completed a prescribed course or materials/study on the workplace. Also publically commission and pray over those who are intentionally about living out God's high calling at the workplace. In doing this, the church will acknowledge their calling at the workplace as a mission field of equal value with those who are called to the foreign mission fields.
4. **Support**... providing ways for people to network on a regular basis, to share and discuss their challenges and issues at work, as well as offer biblical solutions and guidance. This time would also be used as a time of prayer and encouragement, specifically focused on work related needs.
5. **Reporting**... collect and publish testimonies or give opportunities for people to share these publically, so others could hear what God is doing through the people in your church to influence the work culture in your area. Also, during the annual mission emphasis, include the workplace as part of the mission outreach of this church.

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