

THE WORKPLACE...

A MISSIONAL OPPORTUNITY FOR YOUR CHURCH!

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 some ways your church can encourage your people about becoming missional at the workplace!

1. **Awareness**... Occasionally during a service present (text/visual) a short thought or statistic about work that would arouse people's thinking about their workplace. Examples: How much of life is spent there? (Ans. 37% of life); how people strive for fulfillment through their job but lack finding it. Presenting these thoughts would highlight to people in your church how we are focusing on the workplace with a missional perspective.
2. **Recognition**... Periodically during a Sunday service recognize a certain profession, (e.g. education), asking all in that profession in the audience to stand and have prayer for them. Also publically commission and pray over those who are intentional about living out God's high calling at the workplace.
3. **Instructional**... Provide lessons/materials that lay a foundation for people to build their work life upon. This is necessary for them to be missional at the workplace. Teach them God's views of their work and provide practical examples of how they can become His influence in their workplace as they naturally intersect with the people and situations there. (We provide a 4-session seminar entitled "On the Job...God's Way.")
4. **Support**... Provide ways for people to network on a regular basis. Schedule a meeting periodically for them to share and discuss their challenges and issues at work. This meeting time could offer biblical solutions and be used as a time of prayer and encouragement for all who attend.
5. **Reporting**... collect and publish testimonies or give an opportunity for people to share their current story about how God is working through them to influence the workplace. Also, during the annual mission emphasis, include the workplace as part of the mission outreach of this church. Put up a display showing the different workplaces where people in your church are living testimonies.

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