

# **God's Activity in the Workplace**

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- Four words the Holy Spirit is emphasizing in the workplace today:
  - **Kingdom**
  - **Relationships**
  - **Community**
  - **Transformation**

# Kingdom

- It is about Him, not us; labels are no longer important
  - *But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you. (Matthew 6:33 KJ)*

# Relationships

- Men build institutions; God builds relationships
  - *I am the vine, ye are the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit; for without me ye can do nothing. (John 15:5) (KJ)*
  - *These things I command you, that ye love one another (John 15:7) (KJ)*

# Community

- Jesus modeled this with the twelve
  - *So that they be one as we are one. (John 17:11) (NIV)*
  - *That all of them may be one...they may be one...May they be brought to complete unity. (John 17: 21-23) (NIV)*

# Transformation

- A result of the Holy Spirit working in us
  - *And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, so that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect. (Romans 12:2) (NASV)*

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- Five things you do as you naturally proclaim Christ in your marketplace

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- *So naturally we proclaim Christ! We warn every man we meet and teach everyone we can, all that we know about Him, so that if possible we may bring every man up to his full maturity in Christ Jesus. This is what I am working at all the time with all the strength that God gives me. (Colossians 1:28, 29) (Phillips)*

# Who is to do it?

- Our calling is to represent Jesus Christ to people
  - *Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come! All that is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation. **We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. We implore you on Christ's behalf: be reconciled to God.** (2 Corinthians 5:17-20)*

# What are we to do?

- Our mission is to love God and love people
  - *Teacher which is the greatest commandment in the Law? Jesus replied: “**Love the Lord your God** with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: **Love your neighbor as yourself.** All the Law and Prophets hang on these two commandments.”*  
(Matthew 22:36-38) (NIV)

## Where are we to do it?

- Our vision is to start with those people around us
  - *These commandments that I give to you today are to be upon your hearts. Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when **you walk along the road**, when you lie down and when you get up. (Deuteronomy 6:6-7) (NIV)*

## How are we to do it?

- Our ministry is to serve people with diversity
  - *The greatest among you will be your servant. For whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and whoever humbles himself will be exalted. (Matthew 23:11-12) (NIV)*

## When are we to do it?

- Our mandate is to redeem people
  - *When he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, “**The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field.**” (Matthew 9:36-38) (NIV)*

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- God has sovereignly planted each of us where we are – with certain gifts and abilities – to represent Him (Showing) and then to proclaim His truth in our world (Telling)

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## Action Steps

What do we do now???

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- Establish a Spiritual Foundation

When asked which four things have contributed to their Spiritual growth, leaders have responded in the following ways:

- 1) Consistent Devotional Life
- 2) Role Model / Mentor / Example
- 3) Accountability Group
- 4) Encouragement of Family Friends

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- Therefore, we need to emphasize four relationships:
  - 1) Our relationship with God
  - 2) Our inner circle
  - 3) Our small group
  - 4) Our large group