

Jesus in the workplace



"... you shall be my witnesses (in every place)..."

"Go ... and (as you are going) make disciples."

FAC Adult Sunday School Class
November 6 – December 18

- Nov 06: Overview of Course - SHAPE
- ***Nov 13: Video and Scripture foundations***
- Nov 20: Jesus in Healthcare
- Nov 27: Thanksgiving Combined class
- Dec 4: Jesus in Education
- Dec 11: Jesus in Technology
- Dec 18: Jesus in the Business and finances

A Biblical Perspective on the workplace

In the New Testament of Jesus' 132 public appearances, 122 were in the marketplace.

Of 52 parables Jesus told, 45 had a workplace context.

Of 40 miracles in the book of Acts, 39 were in the marketplace.

Jesus spent his adult life as a carpenter until age 30 before he went into a preaching ministry in the workplace.

54% of Jesus' reported teaching ministry arose out of issues posed by others in the scope of daily life experience.

"Work" in its different forms, is mentioned more than 800 times in the Bible -more than all the words used to express worship, music, praise, and singing combined

Talk about missional opportunities this week

Our Souls

God's Spirit

Our Scope

Neighbors

Workplace – as a whole

Our Department

Groups and Organizations



What can we do?

1) PRAY

The effective prayers of a righteous person
produces much

James 5:16b

"Men may spurn our appeals, reject our message, oppose our arguments, despise our persons, but they are helpless against our prayers."- *J. Sidlow Baxter*

2) SERVE AND GIVE

Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit.

Rather, in humility value others above yourselves,
4 not looking to your own interests but each of
you to the interests of the others. Phil 2: 3-4

I have shown you in every way, by laboring like this,
that you must support the weak. And remember
the words of the Lord Jesus, that He said, 'It is
more blessed to give than to receive.'" Acts 20:5

3) HAVE A GOOD ATTITUDE

Whatever you do, do your work heartily, as for the Lord rather than for men Col 3:23

Missional workplace ideas

Instead of eating lunch alone, intentionally eat with other co-workers and learn their story.

Get to work early so you can spend some time praying for your co-workers and the day ahead.

Make it a daily priority to speak or write encouragement when someone does good work.

Organize a running/walking group in the before or after work.

Have your missional community/small group bring lunch to your workplace once a month.

Make a list of your co-workers birthdays and find a way to bless everyone on their birthday.

Organize and throw office parties as appropriate to your job.

Bring extra snacks when you make your lunch to give away to others.

Bring breakfast (donuts, burritos, cereal, etc.) once a month for everyone in your department

Make every effort to avoid gossip in the office.
Be a voice of thanksgiving not complaining.

Find others that live near you and create a car pool.

Offer to throw a shower for a co-worker who is having a baby.

Offer to cover for a co-worker who needs off for something.

Start a regular lunch out with co-workers (don't be selective on the invites).

Invite your co-workers in to the service projects you are already involved in.

Start/join a city league team with your co-workers.

Be the first person to greet and welcome new people.

Make every effort to know the names of co-workers and clients along with their families.

Visit coworkers when they are in the hospital. Go out of your way to talk to your janitors and cleaning people who most people overlook.

Find out your co-workers favorite music and make a playlist that includes as much as you can (if suitable for work).

Work hard to reconcile co-workers who are fighting with one another.

Keep small candy, gum, or little snacks around to offer to others during a long day.

Lead the charge in organizing others to help co-workers in need.