

Essential Truths

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³⁵ And Jesus went throughout all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and every affliction.

³⁶ When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. ³⁷ Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few; ³⁸ therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into his harvest."

Matthew 9:35-38 (ESV)

1. God's gift to your workplace

Matthew 9:35-38

How do you feel about being sent into your workplace to be a labourer for Jesus?

2. The highs and lows of being a labourer for Jesus

Matthew 10

What I tell you in the dark, say in the light, and what you hear whispered, proclaim on the housetops.
(v27)

And do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul.
(v28)

Whoever receives you receives me
(v40)

I am sending you out as sheep in the midst of wolves (v16)

everyone who acknowledges me before men, I also will acknowledge before my Father who is in heaven
(v32)

If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household.
(v25)

What's your experience so far of the highs and lows of being a labourer for Jesus in the legal profession?

3. Labourers at work for Jesus

- My way of life
Titus 2:9-10; 1 Thessalonians 4:12; 1 Peter 3:13-17
- The things I say
Matthew 10:27; Colossians 4:6; 1 Peter 3:13-17
- Striving with others for the sake of the gospel
Philippians 1:27...and all of Acts!

What are you challenged by, from all we've just looked at?
And what inspires you?

Questions to ask workplace missionaries...

1. What do you most wish people at church knew/understood about your life at work?
2. What do you most enjoy about your work? What do you find most frustrating?
3. How is your workplace laid out physically?
4. Who in your workplace do you have serious conversations with? When do these conversations happen? And what are they about?
5. Who do you have most to do with in a normal day/week?
6. Who is praying for you and your witness at work?
7. What's your exact title and what does that mean where you work? What makes for an excellent one of those?
8. To whom do you report, and what's (s)he like to work for?
9. How are things different at work from a year ago?
10. How do you feel on a Monday morning?
11. Do many people there know you're a Christian, do you think?
12. What's the management's big thing at the moment?
13. What do your boss/peers make of you? How would they describe you to me?
14. Are there things you've learned at work that you wish we'd put into practise in the church?
15. What do you do as soon as you arrive at your workplace? Who's already there? Who talks to whom?
16. Does it feel like you're able to connect what you do at work with your love for Christ and desire to serve him?
17. Rate yourself as a personal witness at work and discuss.
18. How is evangelism in the workplace different from evangelism at home/in friendship groups/the rest of life?
19. Identify two ways in which you could be a more consistent and effective Christian in the workplace?
20. How many people do you have contact with within a working week? Who are they?