

# Reach Marketplace

Achieve Vision 401-2

Christ has sent the Church to 'go into all the world', to all the places where people are conducting their daily activities, and preach the gospel to every person (see Mark 16:15).

- The 'marketplace' is where people conduct their daily activities. It comprises of business, industry, education, and the government sector.  
**Your kingdom come. Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven (Luke 11:2b NKJV).**
- We demonstrate the 'kingdom of God' which is God's kingly presence at where they work and conduct their businesses. We have the authority to stop evils from spreading, and to allow God's purpose to rule on earth (see also Matthew 16:18-19). At wherever we are preaching and ministering, God will manifest His authority and power through us against demons and diseases (see Luke 9:1-2). Christ promised His disciples to expect greater manifestation of God's authority and power than in His own ministry (see John 14:12-14; Mark 16:15-18).
- God has positioned the apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors, and teachers along with the entire army of disciples in the marketplace to take the world back to Him. Of the forty major supernatural actions recorded in Acts, many of which were dramatic power encounters, thirty nine took place at the marketplace (see Acts 3:1-10).
- God's power is desperately needed in places where Satan and his demons are influencing unredeemed business, media, and government in most cities. Every Christian has the responsibility to push back the demonic frontier of his city (see Joshua 1:3).

## 1. *Gospel in the marketplaces*

The kingdom of God should manifest at where people gather and work.

- Christ recruited His disciples whom He named apostles at the marketplace.
- The Church was born on the streets, on the day of Pentecost, as the 3,000 men believed Christ in an open-air meeting rather than inside a religious building.
- A steady stream of signs and wonders accompanied the apostles' preaching of Christ at the marketplaces.
- First-century Christians had church at homes every day, several times a day (see Acts 2:42). They congregated even during mealtimes (see Acts 2:46).
- The gentiles (non-Jews) did not meet in the synagogues but gathered in public forums, business places and plazas—in the marketplace. Paul, Peter, John, James, and Philip, turned those public forums into places where the presence and the power of God became evident to the lost in the city.

The kingdom of God should manifests through our relationships with people.

**For the kingdom of God is not eating and drinking, but righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit (Romans 14:17 NKJV).**

- The kingdom of God impacts relationships. It produces righteousness, peace, and joy to give a human to human impact (see also Romans 14:16, 19, 21-22).
- As Christians of the first church conducted their daily activities in marketplaces, they also preached the gospel and ministered. Witnessing for Christ at work was their lifestyle.
- In the marketplace, your assignment is to make Christ known and minister to the people there.
- Make prayer the backbone of your work and business routine. As you believe God will show up to intervene in your work and business, the better each project will turn out. When the non-Christians see how well you did when deals were done the ethical way, they will trust you more.
- As you preach the gospel to every person in your circle of influence, you have introduced the process of transforming the marketplace.

## 2. *Transform your work place*

At where you are operating in the marketplace, declare a territorial commitment to lay pressure on the realm of demons until you reach spiritual transformation.

- Joseph started as a slave in Egypt but he ended up running the empire.
- Daniel was deported to a foreign land but became the chief person in charge of all the affairs of state.

In Luke 10:1-20 Jesus turned from the hostile environment towards the promising harvest and recruited seventy disciples to change the spiritual climate.

- He asked them to overcome their negative feelings, to seek out 'wolves' (which frequently speaks of strangers) and to (1) speak peace to them, (2) fellowship with them, (3) care for their needs, and (4) proclaim the kingdom of God (see verses 3, 7, 9).
- Following these steps, they had defeated every demon (see verse 17). Hence, Satan lost his position of power over the entire region (see verses 18-20). They brought transformation!

**a. Speak peace to them**

Speak peace to your job or business, thank God for it, and accept it was Christ's starting point for the spiritual transformation process (see Luke 10:5).

- Joseph had to forgive his brothers who sold him to the slave market. Daniel had to accept the fact that he was taken away from his homeland by his enemies. Esther had to marry a king she did not choose to, and love that man who had no affection for her people.
- When you make peace with your job or business, you can neutralize the evil elements that have created strife between people and their works. You allow God's blessings to extend to your job and business.

**b. Fellowship with them**

Love your current job or business.

- As the disciples just ate and drank what the 'wolves' could put before them, their relationships with them had improved substantially.
- As Joseph respected the system of slavery, he could serve his masters with full diligence. Esther esteemed her position as queen and could host a guest whom she knew was so evil and sought to destroy her own people.

**c. Care for their needs**

You can make things better at work, especially those things that are not doing well.

- Christ told the Seventy to heal the sick in the homes of those with whom they had fellowship.
- God bestowed blessings upon Egypt, Babylon, and Persia on the account of Joseph, Daniel, and Esther.
- Cover your work or business with prayer. The more you want God to intervene, the more He will show up to give better results. When improvement is the result of a divine intervention, you can point your bosses, partners, associates or employees towards God. People will want to know more about Him.

**d. Proclaim the kingdom of God**

When you speak peace to your job, embrace it, and improve it, you will bring the power of God on the areas that require miracles.

- When you bless the workplace and put a canopy of prayer over everything that is under your responsibility, you will see significant improvement in the spiritual climate.
- The kingdom of God will expand in your workplace, bringing in extraordinary results to your work or business, and give renewal to many lives. People will notice the difference and you will have the opportunity to testify for God.