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YOUR WORKPLACE IS YOUR MISSIONFIELD, BE GOD'S MISSIONARY!

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WORSHIP

Amazing Grace,
Victory in Jesus, Today,
Every Praise, Way Maker,
I Offer My Life

WELCOME

When was the last time
you shared God's love
to others in your
workplace?

WORD

2 CORINTHIANS 5:20-21

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We are often reminded of the Great Commission in **Matthew 28:19-20** that says, "Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age." Did you know that God has placed us in a mission field right where we are—be it in our school, our work, and even in our families? This means that we are not just gospel sharers, but missionaries. We are to make a difference by being God's missionaries wherever He placed us.

1. THE HEART OF THE FATHER

What can we do to help people understand the gospel? How can we best live out the Great Commission in our context? To be able to do this we must first understand the heart of God the Father behind the mission.

The Bible is clear that Jesus will come again, and He will come as a judge. Some people live their lives freely with no regard for the consequences of their actions. Thus, the first aspect of the heart of the Father as the Bible says, is that God is patient with us to come to repentance and will forgive us of our sins when we do so (**2 Peter 3:9**). Do you feel compassion for people? Are you sensitive to the Lord's leading to share the gospel? God loves you and wants you to come to repentance (**Matthew 9:35-38**).

The Bible says too that we were dead in our sins and hopeless. The second aspect of the heart of the Father is that God intervened to save us. He chose to forgive us in Christ, and He took the initiative to reconcile us to Himself. (**Ephesians 2:1-5; John 3:16**). The person who believes in Jesus experiences a new life. This does not mean that we will have a problem-free life, but in Christ we are given a new nature fit for this new life (**2 Corinthians 5:17-19**).

2. THE HEART OF THE MISSIONARY

A. MOTIVATED BY LOVE

As missionaries, we are to be motivated by love because it is Christ's love that compels us to the gospel to others. Since Jesus died for all, we too are to die to ourselves and move from self-centeredness to Christ-centeredness. We are to live for Christ and share God's love to others. Strive to be known as a loving person, rather than someone who is always the first one point out what is wrong with others' behavior or beliefs. It will be much easier to speak God's truth later on to those who are convinced you love them, because of how you treat them.

B. DEPENDENT ON THE HOLY SPIRIT

We are to reach out to others and to do so being compelled by the love of Christ. But the truth is that we get tired over time and our love wanes. We need the help of the Holy Spirit, and it is only through His power that we can share the gospel effectively for God's glory (**Acts 1:8**).

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C. PRAYERFUL "PRAY"

The heart of a missionary is one that prays for people in their mission field. Wherever our mission field may be, we are to pray for those around us. What can we pray for people? One important thing that we are to pray for others is for them to understand the depth of the love of God (**Ephesians 3:14-21**) so that in understanding this, they will be drawn to Jesus.

D. LOVE IN ACTION "CARE"

How can you show people that you love them? Sadly, Christians are more known for what they are against, than our good works. We need to show our love to others more. What are you good at? What can you do to show care for others? It doesn't need to be complicated. We can use our gifts and talents to reach others for Christ. One way of authentically loving people is by showing integrity in how you treat others. Who you are at home should not be alienated from who you are at work (**Matthew 5:16**).

E. "SHARE"

Live in such a way that we are salt and light, and be ready to answer when people have questions about Jesus. A missionary is someone with a mission. We are to equip ourselves by studying God's Word. May we not get derailed in doing our mission in the workplace, and let us be rooted in God's Word. It doesn't matter if you are an employer or employee, God can use you to share to others (**Romans 10:14-15**)!

F. FAITHFUL

God called all of us to be witnesses in our workplace. There will be challenges to being one, but the Apostle Paul encourages us to not get discouraged and keep our eyes on Christ. The heart of a missionary is faithful (**2 Timothy 4:5**). There are Christians today who get disheartened when they look at the lives of Christian leaders who fell into sin. God has called us to be faithful, how can you do your part in not falling? To be faithful is to take your walk with the Lord seriously. To be faithful in walking with the Lord moment by moment and depend on Him to finish well.

G. FUTURE-LOOKING

Many times, we are too shortsighted, but if we look to eternity, the Apostle Paul tells us that there is the "crown of righteousness" awaiting us (**2 Timothy 4:8**). Looking at the events in our world today, it gets disheartening, and we can be at a loss for words when we pray. But we can be assured of the Lord's promises that even in the chaos, we have so much to look forward to in heaven. Here on earth, may we be used by God as His missionaries in our workplace to reconcile others to Christ (**2 Corinthians 5:20-21**)!

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

(Leaders: Please choose questions that are appropriate to the level of spiritual maturity of your members)

1. Self-Check.

Do you see yourself as a missionary to your "workplace"? Why or why not?

2. Setting It Right.

What heart attitude do you need to grow in to be a better missionary for Jesus?

3. Living It Out.

Take time to pray and then ask the Holy Spirit who in your workplace is God asking you to either share the gospel to or begin a discipleship relationship with? Share this with someone.

WORKS

PRAY CARE SHARE IN ACTION

This coming Holy Week, pray for people to give their lives to Jesus as they commemorate how Christ died for their sins to reconcile them to Himself. Look for opportunities to pray for them and help them find answers to life's questions—show them how to study the Bible. Show love in action through your God-given gifts, resources, and time. Share the gospel as you pray and care for people in your mission field this week!

WEEKLY PRAYER POINTS

I. Thanksgiving

- Worship God for who He is, what He has done, and what He will do in our lives

II. Country and the World

- For God's sovereignty to be on display over our upcoming national elections; godly, competent leaders to be voted into government posts at all levels.
- For the Russian invasion of Ukraine to stop; peace and order be restored, lives spared. Russian and Ukrainian soldiers, families, leaders to turn to Christ; refugees be given safe passage into surrounding nations.

III. Church

- That CCF Members would honor and love God and make disciples
- Elders, Pastors, Leaders, and Families
- Ministries and Churches worldwide

IV. CCF Facilities

- Worship and Training Center
- Prayer Mountain

V. Personal Concerns

- Deeper intimate relationship with God
- Righteous living
- Salvation of family and friends

MEMORY VERSE

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