SESSION 2: "WORK, WORSHIP & WITNESS" INTRODUCTION:

4 BIBLICAL PERSPECTIVES TO WORK

1. WORK IS A DIVINE C_____

- **Genesis 2: 15** – *"The LORD God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to <u>work</u> it and take care of it."*

- **Exodus 34: 21** – *"You shall work six days but on the seventh day you shall rest. Even during plowing time and harvest you shall rest."*

- *"You shall work 6 days…"* – This is a *command* not a *choice*.

- **Genesis 2; 2** – *"By the seventh day God had finished the work he had been doing; so on the seventh day he rested [1] from all his work. 3 And God blessed the seventh day and made it holy, because on it he rested from all the work of creating that he had done."*

- **Genesis 3: 17** – *"To Adam he said, "Because you listened to your wife and ate from the tree about which I commanded you, 'You must not eat of it,' "Cursed is the ground because of you; through painful <u>toil</u> you will eat of it all the days of your life. 18 It will produce thorns and thistles for you and you will eat the plants of the field. 19 By the sweat of your brow you will eat your food until you return to the ground, since from it you were taken; for dust you are and to dust you will return."*

2. WORK IS A MEANS TO OUR P_____

- **Romans 8: 28, 29** – *"And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose. [29]For those God foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the likeness of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brothers."*

- **Proverbs 27: 17** – *"As iron sharpens iron, so one man sharpens another."*

3. WORK IS A PLATFORM FOR M_____

- **Matthew 5: 13, 14**

- **2Corinthians 5: 18 – 20** – *"All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation: [19]that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting men's sins against them. And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation. [20]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."*

- **John 15: 16** – *"You have not chosen me but I have chosen you and ordained you that you should go and bring forth fruit."*

- **1Timothy 5: 8** – "*[8]If anyone does not provide for his relatives, and especially for his immediate family, he has denied the faith and is worse than an unbeliever."*

- **Matthew 6: 33** – *"Seek ye first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness and all these things shall be added unto you…"*

- **2Corinthians 4: 18** – *"We fix our eyes not on what is seen but on what is unseen for what is seen is temporary but what is unseen is eternal."*

Question:

- Is our focus on things *eternal* or things *temporal*?
- Are we working purely for *earthly* gains?

- The *"secular"* becomes *"spiritual"* when the focus is *eternal*.
- The *"spiritual"* can become *"secular"* when the focus is *temporal*.

4. WORK IS A VEHICLE TO T_____

Question: **Who is a Marketplace Minister?**

He is one who is a *disciple* and *witness* for Christ through his *work* or *business*.

Q: What kind of a **signpost** are you? - Be a clear signpost!

4 SIMPLE THINGS

1. PRAY F_____

- **Colossians 4: 3, 4** – "*And pray for us, too, that God may open a door for our message, so that we may proclaim the mystery of Christ, for which I am in chains. Pray that I may proclaim it clearly, as I should.*"

2. CONNECT R_____

3. LOVE P_____

DL Moody once said: "*Out of 100 men, one will read the Bible, the 99 others will read the Christian.*"

- **John 13: 34, 35** – "*A new command I give you: Love on another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.*"

4. SHARE B_____

St Francis of Assisi gores like this: "*Preach the Gospel at all times and when necessary use words.*"

- **Romans 10: 14 – 15** – *"How then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them? And how can they preach unless they are sent? As it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!"*

Be the **clear signpost** that points people to a better *Kingdom* they can belong to the best *King* they can serve – Our **King Jesus**!

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