## Week of **PRAYER**

## Prayer Walk for the Business / Marketplace

## The Marketplace from a Biblical Perspective

The Great Commission (Matthew 29:18-21) says "Go, make disciples in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit and teach them the things I have taught you". As part of this commission, we are God's witnesses (Acts 1:8) whose identity is rooted in Christ Jesus (John 14:6) going as Christ's "ambassadors" (2 Cor. 5:20) and conducting ourselves as His "work-man". Our work in the marketplace may be as a business owner, an employee, a salesperson, or a contract laborer, but it makes no difference – our call is the same.

Jesus Himself spent a great deal of time during His earthly ministry going from one marketplace to another. We can see evidence of that knowing that many of His miracles, His parables and His teaching were done largely in the marketplaces because that is where people gathered.

## Why Prayer Walk the Marketplace?

The book of Acts tells us when Jesus sent his disciples to proclaim the gospel, he commanded them to wait. So, they gathered and devoted themselves to prayer (Acts 1:3-14). This was critical for at least two reasons. First, he wanted them to carry out the mission not on their own power, but by the power of the Holy Spirit. Second, he didn't want their own agenda to guide them. As we sense God challenging us to see the gospel proclaimed as we go where we work, we have the same conviction. We are to start with prayer because we cannot bring about revival—only God can.

This guide is designed with everyone in mind. You may be a business owner, an employee, a salesperson, or a contract laborer, but it makes no difference – our call is the same. We want you to learn how to pray in ways that shape you deeply and unleash the power of God's Spirit in your life and where we spend a good portion of life in the marketplace. We want you to connect with God's heart for this mission field that is ripe for harvest. We hope this guide will help you become a lifelong prayer-walker in your marketplace that God has chosen as your "mission field".

## **Preparing for Your Prayer Walk**

- Spend time before the Lord praying asking God to prepare your heart, calm your spirit, and make you ready.
- Meditate on God's Word Read 1 Peter 3:15 pray and meditate on being ready.
- Be still before the Lord Psalm 46:10

# Week of BRANER

## **Prayer Walking Your Marketplace**

God is present and already working where you work. For us to understand how God wants to use us in our "workplace" as part of a larger "marketplace", we need Him to REVEAL Himself to us, to RENEW a spirit of boldness in us and to bring REVIVAL and RECONCILATION by the power of the Holy Spirit.

## STEP 1: Ask God to Reveal

- Read Acts 4:24-31 and meditate on these scriptures asking Him to reveal Himself to you and grant you a spirit of boldness going before you.
- Prayer walk your office/work space, praying over your work associates and systems of the business you work for.
- Continue to ask God to reveal Himself and to reveal opportunities for how He can use you as an ambassador of the Gospel.

## STEP 2: Ask God to Renew

- Read Acts 2:37-41 and meditate on these scriptures asking God to renew the faith of the believers in and around your workplace.
- Prayer walk the surrounding area asking God to renew the hearts and minds of the community where the workers live.
- Continue to ask God to renew your heart for the lost and the hurting you encounter daily.

## **STEP 3: Ask God for Revival and Reconciliation**

- Read Acts 10:44-48 and meditate on these scriptures asking God for a spirit of revival and reconciliation in your heart and the hearts of those you work with.
- Find a private quiet place to pray and listen to God. Ask God for revival, for a renewal of spirit, and for Him to reveal Himself in your work, the people you deal with daily, and the customers you serve.

