

Leveraging Your Life - Week 1: Leverage Your Life

The goal of this series: leverage our jobs, skills, passions for God's mission locally and globally

"We don't pray before we work. Prayer is the **work**. Then God works!"

Scripture-Fed, Spirit-Led, Worship-Based Prayer

"The great use of a life is to **SPEND** it for something that outlasts it." - William James

The first followers of Christ in Acts lived their lives for something that was so much bigger than them.

- Acts 1-2: 3,000 new believers on day one; over 5,000 men (plus women/children) on day two.
- Within six months, 100,000 in Jerusalem; within 40 years, the Gospel to every known land
- Demonstrates how ordinary people leveraged their lives to change the world.

What was it about them that enabled them to be mightily used by God?

They were **ordinary/regular** people that God used to turn the work upside down.

Never has a larger assignment been given to a less qualified group of people" - JD Greear

They wrapped their hearts around some **Kingdom** priorities and leveraged their lives for the sake of the mission of God.

The mission of God is not something you do for Jesus. Mission is who Jesus is as He lives His life through you.

Following Jesus is all about **Relationships**:

1. It's about an intimate love relationship with God.
 - o Through that relationship, everything God desires to do through your life, He will do out of the overflow of what He is doing in your life.
2. Your relationship with Jesus spills into a fellowship relationship with your brothers and sisters in Christ.
3. Following Jesus is also about a relationship with people that do not know God at all.

Mission is just who Jesus is. If you are living in fellowship with the Father and enjoying fellowship with the disciples, it should **spill out** of our lives in living our lives on mission, because Christ in us is sent into the world.

John 20:21 - "As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you."

As you begin to live this out in your own life; in your job, your skill, your passion, where you live, work, and play, you begin to leverage all of that for the mission of God.

Where do I live, work, and play?

The Five Kingdom Priorities

1. Seek First the **Kingdom**
 - Recognize God at work locally and globally; join His mission as a top pursuit
2. Deepen **Devotion**
 - Cultivate dependence on the Father through prayer and Scripture
3. Stick **Together**
 - Embrace unity and mutual support within the family of God
4. Think **Multiplication**
 - Aim for reproducing disciples and churches, not just addition
5. Engage Your **City**
 - Bring Gospel transformation that improves families, communities, and the broader culture