

PARTICIPANT WORKBOOK

LESSON 2-2: GOD AT WORK

WELCOME & PRAYER

KICK OFF QUESTIONS

- At the end of Lesson 2-1, we asked you to write down ways in which you find that you ARE and ARE NOT operating in your gifts, skills or passions. What did you discover? (1 minute per person)
- What is a time in your life in which you felt great satisfaction? What were the circumstances? How can you create opportunities for similar circumstances?

SCRIPTURES

In Lesson 2-1, we examined our gifts, talents and passions. As we continue to seek “work-life balance” (better alignment between God’s intention for our work and business and where we are today, in this Lesson, we examine how God has worked in our lives in the past and where God is “at work” in our lives today.



Please read the following scriptures in advance of the Lesson discussion:

- Romans 11:29
- Philippians 2:1-4, 13
- John 10:10b (NLT)

BIG PICTURE

- To reflect on ways that God has worked in your life in the past;



- To examine how God is at work in your life today; and
- To consider how you want God to work in your life in the future.

PERSONAL CHRONOLOGY - Exercise

Please note, this exercise may take some time of personal reflection. Thus, please read this section and begin this exercise several days before your group's meeting.

One of the best ways to understand where God is at work in your life today is to examine how he has worked in your life in the past.

Personal Milestones - Identify 5-10 significant milestones in your life. These could include such things as: graduating from high school or college, a first leadership position, getting married, getting your first job or a promotion, etc. Draw a timeline or list on a piece of paper each milestone, and for each one identify: the year/how old you were, other people involved, one or two words that describe it, and how it had an impact on your life.

Spiritual Markers - On the same time line/list, identify “spiritual markers” in your life. A spiritual marker is a specific time when you clearly know that you had an encounter with God or that God was working in your life. Can you remember the moment you became a child of God? Can you point to times when He clearly guided you in a decision? Were there times when He spoke powerfully to you? Was there a time when God answered a prayer? For each one identify: the year/how old you were, one or two words that describe the surrounding/causational circumstances, and how it had an impact on your life. Keep track of these important moments!

Understanding God's activity in your life gives you a sense of direction as you face future decisions. (See Joshua 4:4-8). Review the personal chronology you just created and ask:

- What pattern(s) can you see emerge between your personal milestones and spiritual markers? When has God worked in your life most profoundly?
- What intentional things might we do to better hear God? To have Him work more clearly in us?

You have identified times that God has been at work in your life, and hopefully you are more aware of it. Our desire is for you to intentionally seek God's increasingly frequent interaction in your life. This happens when we move from identification to awareness to intentionality.

WRITE “YOUR TRIBUTE” - Exercise

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Part 1: What would you like the following people to say about you at your funeral?

- Your spouse
- Your children
- Your other family members
- Your friends
- Your co-workers
- Your neighbors

What would they ACTUALLY say today? Now, share this with your spouse, close friend, a co-worker, etc., and ask them what they would say.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER

- Share your answers to the Personal Chronology discussion questions.
- Where is God working in/speaking to your life today?
- Pick one of the individuals/groups from Your Tribute exercise, and identify the trajectory of that relationship AND what you are going to differently today to allow God to work in that relationship?
- What are you going to do in response to what you've learned? What change can you make today?

WEEKLY APPLICATION

- Begin keeping a list of times you sense God working in your work and business.

CLOSING PRAYER

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

- "Living Forward", Michael Hyatt (2016)
- "The Purpose Driven Life", Rick Warren (2002)
- "Experiencing God", Henry Blackaby (1976)
- Read Rick Warren's "God is On Your Side" Blog - <http://purposedriven.com/blogs/dailyhope/god-is-on-your-side/>

ADDITIONAL SCRIPTURE - Story of Gideon (Judges 6 and 7)

OPTIONAL EXERCISE

- Go back through old photographs and identify the milestones that the photos reflect. What people are present? Why are they important? How was God working in and around you during that time?

