

The Experience Overview

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Notes

The Prayer and Vision for More Laborers

- Context of Matthew 8—9

Jesus was _____ on _____!

*And Jesus went throughout all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and every affliction. When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the **laborers** are few; therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out **laborers** into his harvest."* (Matthew 9:35-38 ESV)

The God of A Laborer

*For our God is a consuming fire.
(Hebrews 12:29 NIV)*

*I will **refine them** like silver and **test them** like gold. They will call on my name and I will answer them; I will say, 'They are my people,' and they will say, 'The Lord is our God.'" (Zechariah 13:9 NIV)*

*For you, God, **tested us**; you **refined us** like silver. (Psalm 66:10 NIV)*

*For Jesus has been counted worthy of more glory than Moses—as much more glory as the **builder [shaper or creator]** of a house has more honor than the house itself. (For every house is built by someone, **but the builder [shaper or creator] of all things is God.**) (Hebrews 3:3-4 NIV)*

God is the _____ of a Laborer. Shaping, testing, purifying, building, refining and forging us into a glorious answer to His prayer for more _____.

Will you let The Forge shape you?

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The Kingdom of a Laborer

A Laborer recognizes that there are _____ . But, they are to serve only _____ .

Mark 14: 32-52 represents the battle between the two kingdoms.

v. 36 - The Kingdom of _____

vv. 47-48 - The Kingdom of the _____ which represents _____ and _____ .

What are your _____?

What does laboring look like today? For you?

The Life Domains of a Kingdom Laborer

The Five Domains of a Kingdom Laborer

The diagram is a circle divided into five equal segments, each with a different color and a label in white text. Starting from the top and moving clockwise, the segments are: Kingdom (red), Personal (green), Family (purple), Vocation (blue), and World (orange).

Are you allowing God to consume every domain of your life?

Our All-Consuming God wants you to labor in _____ of your life!

The Horizons of a Kingdom Laborer

Horizons of Focus	50,000 Feet	My Life _____ And _____ (or standards)	What? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Glorify God • Please God • Become More Dependent on God • Be Intimate With God • Work for God and His Kingdom 	How?
	40,000 Feet	The _____ of My Life (Ideal Picture of Future)		
	30,000 Feet	My _____ for the next 3 plus years		
	20,000 Feet	My _____ and _____ in Life		
	10,000 Feet	My _____ that need accomplished in the next 12 months		
	Runway	_____ and _____ that I need to do this week		

1. _____ must be invested and _____ must be made at every horizon of your life!
2. You will have _____ and be less _____ if you don't deal with each horizon at some point.
3. All other horizons must _____ of your life purpose and values.
4. We talk about purpose a lot in our society, but according to David Allen, most of us don't decide what our _____ will be, we simply make decisions based on our _____ filter.
5. As believers, our _____ and _____ must match what God says in Scripture. If they don't we must change.

**Adapted from Making It All Work by David Allen, 2010*



Notes***The Purposes of a Kingdom Laborer***

1. To Glorify God
 - 1 Peter 4:11
 - Revelation 4:11
2. To Please God
 - Ephesians 5:10
 - Revelation 4:11
3. To Become More Dependent on God
 - Matthew 5:3
4. To Be Intimate With God
 - 1 John 5:20
5. To Do Work For God And His Kingdom
 - 1 Peter 2:9
 - Ephesians 2:10
6. To Grow In Godliness
 - Ephesians 5:1
 - 1 Timothy 4:7

The Values of a Kingdom Laborer

Values are the bedrock of behavior. They define what is most important to us, they form the framework we use for making decisions, and they are the driving force behind our work and our passions.
- Tony Stoltzfus

There are Two Sets of Values:

1. Deep Values are the being or essence of a laborer's life. They are the bedrock of how a laborer connects to and grows with God.
 2. Wide Values are the doing or influence of a laborer's life. They are the bedrock of how a laborer interacts and ministers to the world.
- Confluence of Values
 - A laborer's true influence and impact on the world (wide values) will increase to the degree that they live out the deep values.

Notes**Deep Values**

1. **Loving God intimately**
 - **Matthew 22:34-40**
2. Humbly Seeking His Kingdom Always
 - Matthew 6:33
3. Being Dependent on God and Directed by His Spirit Daily
 - Galatians 5:16-26
4. Living Passionately for Christ
 - Romans 5:1-5
5. Continual Transformational Growth through the Holy Spirit and The Scriptures
 - 2 Corinthians 3:18
6. Engaging in the Spiritual War / Battle
 - James 4:7
 - 2 Corinthians 10:3-6
 - Ephesians 6:10-17
7. Growing together with other believers
 - Ephesians 4:11-16
 - 1 John 1:7
 - Proverbs 27:17

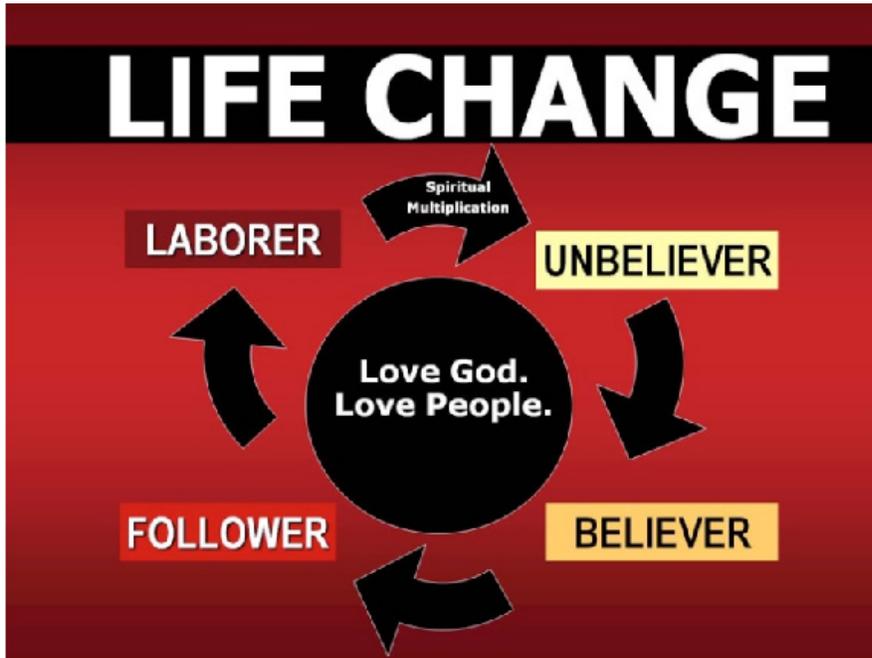
Wide Values

1. **Loving All People**
 - **Matthew 22:34-40**
2. Participating in the Priesthood of Believers
 - 1 Peter 2:9
3. Engaging in the Ordinary
 - Matthew 9:10 and many other accounts of Jesus' ministry
4. Spiritually Multiplying thru one-at-a-time Reproduction
 - Titus 2:3-5
 - Matthew 28: 16-20
5. Fulfilling the Great Commission as your ultimate purpose
 - Matthew 28: 16-20
6. Living in Unity will all believers
 - John 17:23

7. Living a life of Transformational Impact

- 1 Corinthians 3: 10-15
- Acts 5:12-16
- John 15:16

The Path of a Kingdom Laborer



_____ is the center. The more we stoke the fire of _____ in our lives, the more we'll grow as a laborer.

John 12:23-26

As _____ for God and others becomes more and more prominent in our lives, we will _____ to ourselves. When we _____ we will be able to reproduce _____ in the lives of others and bear much more fruit for the Kingdom!

The Heart of a Kingdom Laborer

_____ and _____ characterize the heart of a Laborer. These only come by the practice of _____ to yourself and _____ yourself away.

The two greatest enemies to the heart of a laborer are:

1. _____ (Gen 3:1)
2. _____ (Gen 3:5)

_____ and _____ are the root of all sin.

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As you gain victory over these enemies, your heart will be transformed and _____ will come out of you.

Luke 6:45

"The good man brings good things out of the good stored up in his heart....For out of the overflow of his heart his mouth speaks."

The Driving Habit of a Kingdom Laborer

You can be _____ with God, but it takes work!

John 10: 1– 18

- vv. 1-5

*"I tell you the truth, the man who does not enter the sheep pen by the gate, but climbs in by some other way, is a thief and a robber. The man who enters by the gate is the shepherd of his sheep. The watchman opens the gate for him, **and the sheep listen to his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out.** When he has brought out all his own, he goes on ahead of them, **and his sheep follow him because they know his voice.** But they will never follow a stranger; in fact, they will run away from him because they do not recognize a stranger's voice." Jesus used this figure of speech, but they did not understand what he was telling them.*

- vv. 14-18

*"I am the good shepherd; **I know my sheep and my sheep know me—just as the Father knows me and I know the Father**—and I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that are not of this sheep pen. I must bring them also. **They too will listen to my voice, and there shall be one flock and one shepherd.** The reason my Father loves me is that I lay down my life—only to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have authority to lay it down and authority to take it up again. **This command I received from my Father.**"*

- _____ doesn't want you to experience the fullness of God.
 - John 10:10
- Whenever you "fall off the wagon," having a habit of intimacy with God will help you get back on.
- The Driving Habit of Intimacy includes:
 - Intimacy through Worship & Praise
 - Intimacy through Prayer
 - Intimacy through The Word
 - _____ the Word!
 - _____ the Word _____ you!
 - Intimacy through Obedience & Faith
 - Intimacy through Disciplines

The Resources For The Forging of a Kingdom Laborer

THE SURRENDERED-LIFE
LIFE UNDER GOD'S CONTROL

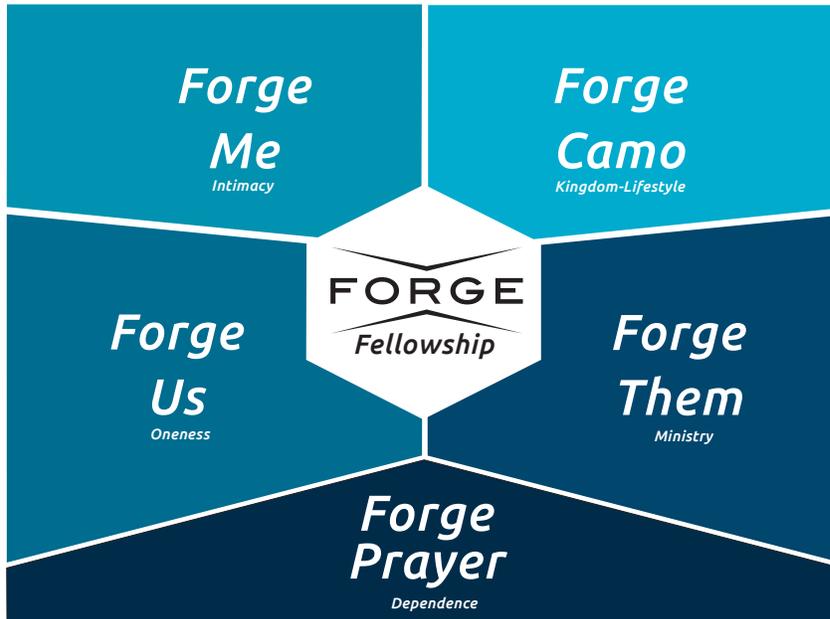
God's Resources	Stepping Stones to God's Purposes	Godly Beliefs
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> SUFFERING BODY OF CHRIST SCRIPTURE HOLY SPIRIT JESUS CHRIST <p>As I live obediently, God promises to give me all I need to reach His goals. <small>2 Peter 1:3, Philippians 4:13,19, 2 Corinthians 9:8</small></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> LOSSES ILLNESS REJECTION PERSECUTION DIFFICULT PEOPLE FAILED EXPECTATIONS PAINFUL CIRCUMSTANCES <p>The Fruit of the Spirit is evident in my life as I respond in a godly way to His opportunities for growth</p>	<p>I deserve nothing more than to burn in hell <small>Romans 6:23, Ephesians 2:3</small></p> <p>I exist for God's purposes, not my OWN <small>1 Corinthians 6:19; 14:7-8, Philippians 3:8</small></p> <p>I view trials and suffering as opportunities to draw on God's resources to reach His goals <small>Philippians 3:8-10, Deuteronomy 8:3</small></p> <p>I die to self-will and submit to God, whatever the cost, as Christ did <small>Luke 22:42, Galations 2:20</small></p> <p>I accept every circumstance that comes into my life, including trials, as ordained by God for my eternal benefit and to fit me for His Kingdom purpose <small>Ephesians 1:11, Romans 8:28</small></p>

The Fellowship of a Kingdom Laborer

*Again, truly I tell you that if two of you on earth agree about anything they ask for, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven. For where two or three gather in **my name**, there **am I with them.**" (Matthew 18:19-20 NIV)*

A _____ is a small group of believers who are seeking to be shaped by God and be on mission together with Him in their corner of the World.

Then the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had told them to go. When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age." (Matthew 28:16-20)



For eternity, the Triune God has been in _____ with Himself.
Genesis 1:26

When you accepted the invitation of Jesus, you entered into _____ with Him and He wants you to be in _____ with His other _____ and _____.

*“My prayer is not for them alone. I pray also for those who will believe in me through their message, that all of them **may be one**, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you. **May they also be in us** so that the world may believe that you have sent me. I have given them the glory that you gave me, that they **may be one as we are one—I in them and you in me—so that they may be brought to complete unity**. Then the world will know that you sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me.”*
(John 17:20-23 NIV)

The 5 Elements of a Forge Fellowship:

1. Forge Me—Members of a Forge Fellowship are committed to allowing God to shape and mold them as they individually draw near to him in _____.
2. Forge Us—As a group, the members of a Forge Fellowship desire to communicate to the World that God loves them and that He sent Jesus by living in _____ with each other.
3. Forge Prayer—A Forge Fellowship asks God to shape them and their activities to be in complete _____ on God, so that they are doing everything “In His Name” and in His Power.

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4. Forge Camo—A Forge Fellowship is used by God to indirectly shape their culture by actively living a _____ that represents God's Salt and Light in everyday actions and life.
5. Forge Them – A Forge Fellowship is used by God to directly influence their culture by impacting individuals and groups through direct _____.

The Goal: The Characteristics of A Kingdom Laborer

Characterized v. Contextualized (Matthew 25:33-40)

1. Humility
2. Passion
3. Vision
4. Faith

The Training of a Kingdom Laborer

The 5 Components of the Experience Training

1. One-on-One Coaching
2. Teaching
3. Experiential Learning
4. Team Dynamics
5. Skill Development

The Forge Fellowship Covenant

- I desire to be Forged by God and others through this fellowship
- I commit to be in intimate relationship with Jesus
- I am humbling myself to learn and grow
- I will depend on the Holy Spirit to live in Oneness with God and this fellowship
- I am submitting myself to be on mission in everyday ordinary ways with Jesus
- I will be faithful to pass on to others what I have learned and received from God