

as you go

10 Practical Ways to Be & Celebrate Church 'As We Go....' Matthew 28:19-20

1. **Labor Day Worship** – Encourage all to wear the uniform/dress they wear in their daily work as a reminder of the places the church goes each day of the week. Celebrate stories from the workplace through the voice of the lay minister/member.
2. **Pay Attention to Language** – Consider shifting focus to lay mobilization, commissioning/ordaining. Talk about ministry being done in the world each day rather than just in the church on Sundays. Consider using 'ministry partner' instead of 'church member'.
3. **Create Affinity Groups Around Professions/Careers** – Consider using the Marketplace Bible as a small group resource for persons from various careers to study and pray together at designated times. Consider a quarter's focus in Sunday School or Wednesday nights or maybe in their workplaces.
4. **Create Intergenerational Prayer Clusters** During Wednesday Evening Prayer Time – Go to various locations the church is present during the week and pray, reflect, share where you see God working there, discuss spiritual gifts being used. (see resource list for additional information)
5. **Provide Equipping & Encouraging Resources for Study for those Lay Ministers** in the workplace. Provide them on your website, provide links to resources for professions. Place books, DVD's etc. in church media center. www.livingoutloudws.com/serve

6. **Provide Annual Times of Training/Inspiration for Marketplace Ministry** – focus on families, singles, career choices, retirees.... How do we BE salt, light and leaven in the world in which you spend most of your waking hours each week? Invite persons inside & outside church walls to share their ‘as you go’ experiences. (Blessing of the Badges Service – Snyder Memorial, Fayetteville, NC)

7. **Plan Unsung Hero Festival or Recognition Strategy** to highlight those functioning AS church in the world each week. Recognize, record stories for church history, acknowledge with commissioning or picture albums. (i.e. The Fountain of Raleigh Fellowship)

8. **Plan Periodic Time of Affirmation, Equipping**, Commissioning for Affinity Groups (i.e. Public school faculty, first responders, government officials in community, health care workers, etc. Example: Zebulon Baptist, NC; Wilshire Baptist, TX)

9. **Utilize ‘mission minutes’ and ‘church business meetings’ to focus on, celebrate the church AT WORK IN THE WORLD** throughout the week. Incorporating this local focus helps visualize IN CHURCH, THROUGH CHURCH and AS CHURCH expressions of the Body of Christ. (Possible Resource: Spiritual Leadership in a Secular Age by Edward Hammett)

10. **Give visibility to “As we Go”** in church budget, ministry roster and church newsletters/websites/social media presence. www.livingoutloudws.com

Suggested Resources include:

The Gathered & Scattered Church by Hammett, Smyth & Helwys
Spiritual Leadership in a Secular Age by Hammett, Chalice
 Fawministry.org – Faith at Work Ministry
 TheGospelatWork.com – Conference in Atlanta on Ministry Through Worklife
 Marketplaceleaders.org – Website on Ministry in Workplace/ Pete Hammond
 Worklife.org – Network of biblically based strategies for local congregations to engage inn worklife ministry – Doug Spada
 Bibliography on Theology of Work

