

Special Group Edition for
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Sermon Reflection:

Business: The Next Wave of Missions

Guest speaker: Hans Finzel, founder, HDLeaders

[Q] What insight, principle or observation from this weekend's message did you find to be:

Most helpful? Eye opening? Troubling? Challenging? Explain.

Is there any action you want to take as a result of the message and hearing the Word of God?

Business as Mission

Reaching the world with the gospel is complex, especially when half the world's nations will not allow missionaries to cross their borders. At the same time, Gallup polls confirm that the No. 1 need people identify worldwide is a job that pays the bills. Most countries that resist missionary presence are impoverished. Can the gospel be linked with people's need to work?

Business as Mission integrates real business with real missions. This "Kingdom Work" is legitimate economic activity by workplace professionals through which the message of Christ can be shared.

A profitable business with a Kingdom purpose leads to the transformation of communities for the glory of God and the establishment of His church. This is not ministry tacked onto business for convenience or business tacked onto ministry.

Why Business as Mission?

1. The Great Commandment requires that we express His love to others. The workplace is central to sharing and living out the gospel.
2. God created work. Therefore, job creation has a Christian care component to it.
3. People everywhere want to have work and be part of the developing world.

[Q] What are some advantages of Business as Mission over traditional missions work (especially in countries where missionaries are not allowed)?

What opportunities would arise as someone intentionally engages in business as a means for sharing Christ's message and love?

What challenges might arise?

[Q] Read Acts 18:1-4 and Acts 20:33-35. How did Paul combine business and mission?

[Q] Business creates opportunities for meaningful work and creativity that is essential for human dignity and a peaceful society. What do you learn about work and its purposes from the following passages?

Genesis 2:2-3

Ephesians 6:5-9

1 Thessalonians 4:11-12

2 Thessalonians 3:10-12

[Q] *Your work matters to God. Have you ever viewed your work as a means of blessing others beyond supporting yourself or your family? In what ways?*

Spend time praying for:

- Reaching World Outreach goals by a work of the Holy Spirit:
 - people to commit to pray for our missionaries
 - \$1,030,000 from 525 Faith Promises to support our missionaries
- Businesses as Mission: Eggs Unlimited in Kyrgyzstan, Story Coffee Roasters in Turkey, Micro-finance loans in Ivory Coast
- Valley people obedient to the Great Commission
- Speakers:
 - Hans Finzel | HDLeaders | First Weekend + Men's Fraternity
 - Mark & Darlene Godfrey, World Venture | Women's Dinner | 4/4
 - Pastor Jay | Faith Promise Weekend | 4/9-10