



Case Study: God in The Workplace

An Experiencing God Devotional Experience

Introduction

These devotional guides were written to help you deepen your walk with God as we go through this season of *Experiencing God* together as a church. As part of your experience, you may want to read the scriptures referenced here in context to get a broader understanding of the concepts introduced. As you complete this experience, you may also want to record the things that God speaks to you in a journal and share them with your small group. There is no “right” or “wrong” way to complete this devotional. Feel free to respond as the Lord leads!

God At Work and How to Respond: A Case Study

God is at work when you see someone coming to Christ, asking about spiritual matters, beginning to understand spiritual truth, experiencing conviction of sin, being convinced of the righteousness of Christ or of God’s judgment. When I was speaking in a series of meetings, Bill, a plant manager, said, “You know, I have not been looking on the job to see the activity of God.” He mentioned Christian people in key positions in his plant, and he wondered if God had placed them in those jobs for a purpose. He decided to gather his believing coworkers together and suggest, “Let’s see if God wants to reach our unbelieving colleagues in the plant through us.”

Does that sound like something God might want to do? Yes! Your job is not merely a place to earn a paycheck. It is an arena in which God wants to use you to influence others for the kingdom. Suppose you were in Bill’s place and planning to bring these Christians together. How would you proceed?

1. **Start by praying.** Only the Father knows what He has purposed for the people in your workplace, and He knows the best way to accomplish His will there. He knows why He brought these particular Christians together and put them in their current positions. If God impresses on these Christians that they need to reach out to their colleagues, then this is clear evidence God is at work. After you pray, watch to see what God does next. Take note of what people are saying when they approach you.
2. **Make the connection.** Suppose someone in the plant approaches a Christian employee and says, “My family is really having a tough time financially.” Or, “I am having a really difficult time with my teenager.” You have just prayed, “Oh God, show me where You are at work.” Make the connection between your prayer and what happens next. If you do not pay attention to what follows your prayer, you may miss God’s answer.
3. **Ask questions.** Ask the kind of probing questions that will reveal what is happening in people’s lives. Don’t merely chat about trivial matters with your friends and colleagues. Make inquiries of people who cross your path to find out what God is doing in their lives. Without being intrusive or aggressive, you can ask questions such as:
 - What’s been happening in your life lately?
 - What’s the greatest challenge in your life right now?
 - What’s the most significant thing happening in your life right now?
 - You sound like you’re carrying a heavy load. Is there any way I can help?
 - How can I pray for you?

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4. **Listen attentively.** Suppose the person responds, “I’m not much of a churchgoer, but lately with this problem with my teenager, I sure have been thinking about God.” Or, “when I was a kid, I used to go to Sunday school. My parents made me go. I got away from it, but the financial problems I am facing have really caused me to think about God lately.” Those statements reveal God at work in the person’s life. He may be drawing the person to Himself, causing him or her to seek God or be convicted of sin.
5. **Be prepared to respond.** If someone confides a personal need, pray for that person and ask God how you might minister practically in response. Be ready to share clearly how Christ’s presence has made a difference in your life and how Christ is ready to enter their life and change them as well.

To summarize: When you want to know what God is doing around you, pray. Watch to see what happens next. Make the connection between your prayer and ensuing events. Ask questions and listen attentively as people share their concerns. Be ready to make whatever adjustments are required to join God in what He is doing. (Experiencing God, 137-139)

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1. What part of this process feels comfortable and familiar to you?
2. What part of this process is new to you?
3. Are there times when God showed you His activity, and you missed it? If so, why do you think that happened?
4. Do you presently see God at work around your life? Are you willing to respond to His invitation to adjust your life and join Him? If not, what is holding you back?
5. Dedicate some time to purposefully interact with God around this topic of recognizing and responding to His work, perhaps through a prayer walk, time the word, journaling, or silence. Share your experience with your group.

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