## HOW TO USE THE STUDY GUIDE

The purpose of this study guide is to highlight key points in *Anointed for Business* and to lead you to make personal application of the information you receive. It is divided into the following sections:

- **Section A: Study Guide**—highlights key points of each chapter and serves as a study guide and review.
- **Section B: Reflection and Discussion—**for personal reflection and/or discussion within a group reading the book together.
- **Section C: My Journal—**for you to record your personal thoughts or what the Holy Spirit speaks to you.

## SMALL GROUP STUDY SESSION

Suggested components of a one-hour meeting are as follows:

Group comes having read or listened to assigned chapter and having filled in the Section A study guide questions,

- Facilitator coordinates discussion using Section B for about 30 minutes,
- For the remaining time, members pray for each others felt needs and the needs of their business, expecting marketplace miracles in answer to these prayers

May the Lord bless and guide you as you read and implement what He reveals to you through *Anointed for Business*.

LESSON 7: **RECONCILIATION IN THE MARKETPLACE**

A. **Study Guide**

**1.** What are the six social gaps that need to be bridged before the Church can confront the rulers of darkness over the world?

1.1 e _ _ _ _ c,

1.2 d _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ l,

1.3 m _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ l,

1.4 g _ _ _ _ r,

1.5 g _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ l,

1.6 m _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ e

**2.** Where wealthy people in the Church shared their l _ v _ _ and r _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ with the poor, significant numbers of _ _ l _ _ _ _ _ s were a _ _ _ _ to the Kingdom. In other words, there is a cause-and-effect dynamic between taking care of the _ _ _ r and spontaneous e _ _ _ g _ _ _ _ _.

**3.** When the wealthy and the poor walk together, the rich provide h _ _ _ and the poor impart f _ _ _ _. When these come together, l _ _ _ soon becomes evident.

The Body of Christ grows vertically/proportionally/dis-proportionally*. God will not allow one arm be to be twice as long as the other.

*choose the most appropriate answer

B. **Reflection and Discussion**

1.How does reconciliation in the marketplace help the Church to attain a position from which it can wrestle spiritual control away from Satan and his wicked forces?

2. Like Jesus, Paul was a reconciler because he fully identified with both ends of the social spectrum. What are some practical ways the Church can truly and fully identify with both groups? (Read paragraph *What About Us Today?*)

3. Is God leading you to take specific steps to forge a concrete path to reconciliation in the marketplace? Describe what you sense God may be saying to you. (Read *My Path to Marketplace Reconciliation* attached)

C. **My Journal**

## MY PATH TO MARKETPLACE RECONCILIATION

### A. Choose a financial ceiling

Establish a ceiling for how much money you wish to live on. Pick a figure that is comfortable – you can always reduce it.

*Once you have chosen a figure with which you feel comfortable, make a decision that every penny over that ceiling will be given to the needy (someone who has no possibility of repaying the gift or even thanking you properly).*

**B.** Defeat poverty of the spirit by allowing the unbelieving world to see clearly that Christians of different social positions love each other. Reach out to Christians in your circle of influence who are at a lower financial or social standing than you. Two people God is leading me to contact are

B.1 Consciously and consistently plan to pray and worship with them. One way I can do this is

B.2 Speak into his or her life and let him or her speak into yours. One way I can do this is

### C. Commit to marketplace transformation

C.1 What sins in the marketplace will I forsake?

*If I have played a role in the increase of these sins of the marketplace, I repent and ask God for His help to turn away from these sins. I will also ask that as the Lord forgives, He will heal and restore.*

C.2 What do I want to see increase in the marketplace (the opposite of what you are forsaking)?

*I will be a leader in seeing these actions increase in the marketplace. I will pray for God's grace and strength to act on what He has put into my heart.*

**D. For Employers**

D.1 Three things I can do to minister to my employees:

D.2 Two things I can do to enable my employees to live debt-free:

LESSON 8 **THE KINGDOM, THE CHURCH AND THE MARKETPLACE**

## A. Study Guide

1. The kingdom of God is intended to t _ _ _ _ _ _ _ m, not just individuals, but also the e _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ t and the c _ _ _ _ _ _ _ n _ around them.

2. The kingdom of God existed y _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _, is coming _n t _ _ f _ _ _ _ _ but is also for t _ _ _ y.

3. The kingdom of God is something t _ _ _ _ _ _ e, that has a deep effect on _ n _ _ p _ _ _ _ _ _ l r _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ p s .

4. The focus of the Church has been on bringing people into the church b _ _ _ _ _ _ _ instead of t _ _ _ _ g the kingdom of God to where the people are.

5. The Church is to be d _ _ _ _ _ c and e _ p _ _ s _ _ _ rather than c _ _ _ _ _ _ _ and c _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ l.

6. The Church exists to bring the wealth/kingdom of God/judgment* to Earth and is e _ _ _ _ _ _ _ d and c _ _ m _ _ _ _ _ _ _ d by the Lord to storm the gates of hell.

7. Who is “the Church”? (read para. *The Church in the Whole World)*

8. In the early Church, the m _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ became central to the Church’s activities, especially e _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ endeavours.

9. Of the 40 major supernatural actions recorded in the book of Acts, 39 took place in the synagogue/temple/marketplace*.

*choose the most appropriate answer

B. **Reflection and Discussion**

1. How has Satan's deception affected our understanding of the kingdom of God, the nature of the Church, and the Church's role in the marketplace? (read para. *The Heart of the Deception*)

2. Why is the misbelief that the Church was born between four walls detrimental to our identity ad our role in the Kingdom?

3. Why have Christians believed that the marketplace is less spiritual than a church?

4. In the story of Joe the Philippine taxi owner Joe (*A Bar Becomes a Church*), Joe saw the church as a means to take the kingdom of God to people in the marketplace. Sinners came into the kingdom of God when they discovered that it had come near to them, and Joe taught them how to have church in the marketplace. What wuld it mean for you to have church in the marketplace? What obstacles might you face in the endeavour?

C. **My Journal**

LESSON 9 **GOD IN THE BOARDROOM**

A.**Study Guide**

1. The Church is the l _ _ _ _ of the w _ _ _ _ and its members are the s _ _ _ of the earth, but the marketplace is the h _ _ _ _ of the city.

2. Marketplace Christians are operating their companies in a substandard manner because they are c _ _ _ _ _ g the best-demonstrated practices of n _ _ - C _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ companies.

3. If every believer will go to work fully convinced that he or she is w _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ God through l _ _ _ _ _ and that every constructive action at work is a form of c _ _ _ _ _ for God's creation, our cities would be transformed.

**B. Reflection and Discussion**

1. Look at the four levels of relationship a Christian has with the marketplace and their descriptions (read opening paragraph of this chapter). Assess your present relationship with the marketplace according to this definition.

2. Share a story of God's power in your place of business as a result of prayer.

3. Stop and pray for a need you presently have, asking God to bring a breakthrough in the situation for the kingdom of God. Consider asking a few others to join you in prayer for this need on site at your place of business this week.

C. **My Journal**