

## **Week 3: Marketplace Ministry – Moving “OUT”**

### **The Babylonian System:**

-Began at the Tower of Babel:

#### **Genesis 11:4**

***“Then they said, “Come, let’s build ourselves a city and a tower that reaches Heaven. Let’s make ourselves famous so we won’t be scattered here and there across the Earth.”“ MSG***

-It’s an “It’s all about me” attitude. (ex: Shaq at Koby Bryant’s Memorial service.)

-How many of us live our lives thinking that we gotta take every shot to win.

-We think our desire to achieve success, security, money, material possessions is dependent on us.

-It’s a spirit that exalts Self.

-It’s a spirit that puts our security in ourselves other than God.

**The fact is that we live every day in the Babylonian System and the question as Ed Silvano said is “How do we swim in dirty water without drinking it.”**

**Goal: To Love Babylon without being overcome by the Babylonian system. Moving from "Up", to "In", and now to "Out".**

### **Goal of the "Out":**

**To bring the power of the manifest presence of Jesus that lives in you, and move it out to impact your spheres of influence (home, work, school, community).**

### **Opening statement of the Ekklesia Excelsior course:**

"How would you like to wake up every day with a sense of passion and purpose in your life?"

**-Part of that purpose is that God has called you to impact your marketplace.**

### **Matthew 22:36-39**

*“Teacher, which is the most important commandment in the law of Moses?” Jesus replied, “You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, and all your mind.’ (UP) This is the first and greatest commandment. A second is equally important: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’ (OUT)*

-Why “A second is equally important”? You demonstrate fulfilling #1 by doing #2.

-Jesus and Peter after the resurrection: “Peter, do you love me? .....Then feed my sheep.”

### **Pivotal Paradigm 2, 3, 4**

***"Labor is worship and every believer is a minister"***

(Say "I am a minister")

***"The marketplace, which is the heart of the nation, has already been redeemed by Jesus and now it needs to be reclaimed."***

(Say "God is using me to reclaim my marketplace")

***"We are to take the Kingdom of God to where the kingdom of darkness is still entrenched (Babylon) in order for Jesus to build His Church (Ekklesia)."***

(Say "I carry The Light into my places of darkness")

## **4 Levels of Christians in the Marketplace:**

### **1. Christians that barely survive in the Marketplace.**

-Their prayer is Maranatha; Jesus come already, I cannot handle.

### **2. Christians who apply biblical principles in the Marketplace.**

-They apply biblical principles not to change the Marketplace but so that the Marketplace doesn't change them.

### **3. Christians who operate in the power of the Holy Spirit in the Marketplace.**

-They realize their business is God's business and experience the power of the Holy Spirit at work.

### **4. Christians who operate in the power of the Holy Spirit to Transform their Marketplace.**

-They pray that God would use them to Transform their spheres of influence.

## **3 Keys To Moving Out into the Marketplace:**

### **1. Make a commitment to spend daily times of solitude with Jesus before you start the day.**

-Not just Spa but Envision and Meditate, letting the Holy Spirit fill you with his power and presence.

*Zech 4:6 "Not by (your) might nor by (your) power, but by My Spirit says the Lord."*

### **2. Humble, Empty, Deny, and Die to yourself.**

In other words let go of control and let God have control. "Let go and let God." This is key to breaking the influence of the Babylonian System.

*Mark 8:34-35*

*"Jesus said, "If anyone wishes to come after Me, he must deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow Me. For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake and the gospel's will save it."*

-Say the Lord's Prayer slowly and personally, pausing after each line to break the influence of the Babylonian system in your life.

### **"My Father in Heaven I hallow Your Name"**

(Father, thank you that my security lies in the fact that you are my good Father and I am your precious child, and not because I live by the ways of the Babylonian system)

### **"Your Kingdom come"**

(Father, thank you that goodness, peace and joy fills my life because of You, and not because of the ways of the Babylonian system)

### **"Your will be done"**

(Father, I commit my will that is swayed by the ways of Babylonian system to your will.)

### **"Forgive me my trespasses"**

(Father, forgive me when I give in to the ways of the Babylonian system)

**"As I forgive those who trespass against me"**

(Father, I forgive those in authority that promote the ways of the Babylonian system – leaders in government, business, education, etc)

**"and lead me not into temptation"**

(Father, keep me from being tempted to give in to the ways of the Babylonian system - control, greed, worry, anger, money, etc.)

**"But deliver me from the evil one"**

(Father, deliver me from the strongholds in my life that have been influenced by the ways of the Babylonian system.)

**"For yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever."**

(Father, it's your kingdom, your power, your glory, that reigns in my life and not the kingdom of the Babylonian system.)

**Closing:** "Father, I release the grip of the Babylonian system over my life and I surrender all to You"

**3. Verbally invite the presence of Jesus to come with you into your marketplace.**

- Start with inviting Jesus into your car when you leave your home.
- Prayer walk your office, school, community, and home releasing His manifest presence.
- Get ready for divine appointments to happen, and ask the Holy Spirit to show you how to turn a regular conversation into a spiritual conversation.
- And if the Holy Spirit leads, pray a blessing and ask the question "Before I pray for you, have you ever prayed to receive Jesus?"

**PRAY IMPARTATION**

**Group Discussion Questions:**

- Which of the 4 levels of Christians in the Marketplace are you and what's keeping you from moving up to the next level?
- What part of tonight's teaching really spoke to you?
- Pray for each other.

**Application for the week:**

1. Do a prophetic act over your sphere of influence this week by verbally inviting the presence of Jesus into these areas and ask the Lord what He want you to do next. Get ready for divine appointments to happen.
2. Who specifically is the Lord showing you that he wants you to share Jesus with this week? Pray for that person and be ready to share if the Holy Spirit opens up an opportunity.
3. Come next week ready to share