



CONTENT MODULE SUMMARY SHEET

Calling by **Jamie Johnson****INTRODUCTION**

Jamie Johnson, is the founder of “Boy with a Ball,” an organization focused on youth-led city transformation. The organization works in various settings including slums, refugee camps, and troubled schools across the U.S., Latin America, Africa, and most recently Lebanon. Their mission is “To empower young people as changemakers in their communities.” In this content module, Jamie speaks with Iron Forums Atlanta City Director Barry Lusk about how we, as business owners and leaders, can advance the Kingdom through doing our best work and staying connected in a community of Christians.

SCRIPTURE

Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for men.

— *Colossians 3:23*

I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing.

— *John 15:5*

So I find this law at work: Although I want to do good, evil is right there with me.

— *Romans 7:21*

CONTENT

This is just an outline. Be sure to add your thoughts and listen to the Holy Spirit to see what He may be speaking to you about this topic.

The Concept of a “Kingdom Post”

- Each job or role can be considered a “kingdom post,” representing a place where individuals can embody Christian values.
- There are three worldviews: the secular, church-centric, and biblical paradigms.
- If we apply biblical principles to everyday work, we see work as a mission, not just a job.

Challenges in Marketplace Ministry:

- You will find external and internal resistance when attempting to embody Christian values in the marketplace.
- Traditional church celebrations often overlook those serving outside vocational ministry.
- We can encourage churches to recognize and support those called to secular jobs and marketplace roles as a form of ministry.

Practical Steps for Kingdom Influence

- Get inspired by Music — Porter's Gate
- Get Inspired by Reading — Michael Hyatt's book *Entrepreneurs Will Save the World*
- Get Inspired by Leaders — Martin Luther's quote on craftsmanship

The Christian shoemaker does his duty not by putting little crosses on the shoes, but by making good shoes, because God is interested in good craftsmanship.

- When we produce high quality work as an act of faith and service, we draw people to Christianity through actions rather than overt evangelism.

Community and Accountability

- There is a need for community support and accountability, particularly for those in leadership roles.
- Examples from Jamie's experiences show how isolation can weaken one's commitment to faith-based values in a secular work environment.

Cultural Transformation in Business

- Business owners can foster a company culture beyond mere profit
- Values like generosity and service positively impact business outcomes and community relationships

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

1. What steps can organizations and churches take to recognize and celebrate marketplace leaders in the same way they do vocational ministers?
2. What is the best way to identify and resist secular and internal pressures that conflict with living out their faith in the workplace?
3. In what ways could you foster a company culture that goes beyond profit to impact the community and promote biblical values?
4. How does accountability and community like we experience in Iron Forums help leaders stay grounded in their faith and values in secular settings?
5. What practical actions could you take to transform your company into a "kingdom post"?