Kingdom Impact In Every Sphere	
of Society	
SESSION GOALS	
The point of every session is a main idea with the goal of informing our knowing, feeling, and doing.	
MAIN IDEA: Your mission field is wherever God has placed you right now.  Head Change: To know that the gospel won't reach every person without Christlike leaders equipping disciples from every people group to impact every sphere of society.  Heart Change: To celebrate that you are called and empowered by God to have a unique Kingdom impact.  Life Change: To use your leadership gifts courageously for the common good.	
<u>OPEN</u>	
How many different industries are represented in your group?	
We may tend to think of leadership in God's Kingdom in terms of churches and mission organizations, but in this final session of the series, Anne Zaki reminds us that we're all full- time missionaries and that God has given us	
Kingdom influence in every sphere of society.	

<u>VIEW</u>	
As you watch, write down how Anne answers these questions.	
What is Lausanne's fourfold vision for the global church?	
How did Shiphrah and Puah display courageous leadership?	
What does it mean to be "royal priests" in every sphere of society?	
How does God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit equip you to fulfill your calling?	
Show SESSION #4: Kingdom Impact in Every Sphere of Society (15 minutes)	
<u>REVIEW</u>	
Anne recaps the fourfold vision for the global church:  1. The gospel for every person,	
<ul><li>2. Disciple-making churches for every people and place,</li><li>3. Christlike leaders for every church and</li></ul>	
sector, and 4. Kingdom impact in every sphere of	
society.	
Discuss the idea that the four parts of this vision are interdependent. Do you think one	
is more important than any of the others? Why, or why not?	

Anne explains that the church doesn't exist for its own sake. Rather, it exists to be an agent of renewal in society, for God's glory. According to Ephesians 4:11–12, how are we to equip others, and be equipped ourselves, for this task?

Anne retells the events recorded in Exodus 1: the compelling story of Shiphrah and Puah, two Hebrew midwives who essentially saved the nation of Israel. Why was there increasing tension between the Egyptians and the Hebrews at this time? How did Pharoah plan to solve this problem? How did Shiphrah and Puah exhibit courageous leadership in their workplace, and equip others to do the same?

Shiphrah and Puah feared God even more than they feared Pharaoh (Exodus 1:17). **Talk about how fearing God more than you fear your boss may change your decisions and behavior at work.** 

Anne says, "Chances are, Shiphrah and Puah never lived to see the Exodus, but they lived long enough to have their own families, and God used them to accomplish the liberation of His people from their slavery in Egypt. God honored them by having their names be the first ones mentioned in the book of Exodus, even before that of Moses, because of their commitment to fear God in their sphere of work and leadership." If someone told you

that you weren't going to live to see the fruit of your courageous leadership, would you carry on doing what you do? Why, or why not?

Just as He called Shiphrah and Puah, God is calling us to make a Kingdom impact through courageous leadership. How would you describe your circle of influence to a tenyear-old? Does obeying God in the spheres He has placed you freak you out? If so, what's your next step to overcoming this fear?

1 Peter 2:9 expresses what is known as the priesthood of all believers: "You are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's special possession, that you may declare the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His wonderful light." Do you feel like a royal priest? Why, or why not? Who needs reminding that they are called and commissioned to serve God as a royal priest wherever they are and in whatever they do?

In terms of our courageous, Kingdom leadership, Jesus changed everything. He's our ultimate high priest, and He gives us direct access into the holy of holies, God's presence. Anne says, "We can be God's mobile temple, and mobile royal priests... Holiness has now been released to turn all of our vocations into an activity of priesthood." How does knowing you're a temple of the Holy Spirit and a full-

time missionary change how you feel about the board meeting you have to attend this week, or the coworker who always contradicts you, or your overflowing email inbox?

Anne reminds us that wherever God has placed us is our mission field right now. No one else can take our place in that sphere of influence. Whatever we do, we should work at it with all our hearts—as if we're actually working for God (Colossians 3:23). What will your job involve for the rest of this week? How could you do your tasks or fulfill your responsibilities as if you're working for the Lord? Is God calling you to equip someone else to have a Kingdom impact in their sphere of society? If so, what's your next step?


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BIBLE EXPLORATION	
Numerous scriptures teach us that lying is a	
sin: Proverbs 12:22, Psalm 101:7, Colossians	
3:9, to mention just a few. God didn't condemn	
Shiphrah and Puah for lying to Pharoah. <b>Why</b>	
not? Does this mean it's ok to lie?	
Read 2 Corinthians 2:14–16 and Colossians	
4:5-6. If another leader asked you how they	
might make more of a Kingdom impact in	
the areas God has placed them, how would	
you paraphrase Paul's instructions for	
them?	
Peter writes, "Be careful to live properly	
among your unbelieving neighbors. Then even	
if they accuse you of doing wrong, they will	
see your honorable behavior, and they will give	
honor to God when He judges the world." (1	
Peter 2:12) In your current sphere of	
influence, who are your "unbelieving	
neighbors?" Do they ever accuse you of	
doing wrong? Do they ever accuse you of doing right?	
doing right:	

## **LAST WORD**

Perhaps you feel insignificant in God's Kingdom, but the truth is that you're called to make a unique impact exactly where God has placed you. You're filled with the same power that raised Jesus from the dead, and that power enables you to push back societal injustice, create culture, and inspire those around you towards the common good. What's more, you're not alone. God the Father called you, and He is faithful to equip you for that calling. God the Son, your high priest, is seated at the right hand of the Father, mediating on your behalf. God the Holy Spirit has filled and anointed you. May God use you mightily to spread the gospel to every person, build disciple-making churches for every people and place, raise up Christlike leaders for every church and sector, and work towards Kingdom impact in every sphere of society, for His Kingdom and glory.

DEEPER WALK	
Select at least one activity below to complete before moving on to another series.	
<b>Read:</b> Read 1 Thessalonians 5:24 in a different Bible translation from the one you normally use. Then read the whole chapter, to understand the context. What is God saying to you about having a Kingdom impact?	
Write: Write a letter to a younger leader who is under a lot of pressure. Encourage them to lead with courage and integrity. Assure them that you're praying for God to strengthen them and use them to have a God-glorifying impact on the world.	
Pray: Write out a prayer encapsulating the fourfold vision for the global church we've studied in this series. Ask God to use you to spread the gospel, to play your part in building disciple-making churches, to raise up Christlike leaders (starting with yourself), and to make a Kingdom impact in every sphere of society in which He has given you influence.	