

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.

OPEN

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.

VIEW

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)

REVIEW

Anne recaps the fourfold vision for the global church:

1. The gospel for every person,
2. Disciple-making churches for every people and place,
3. Christlike leaders for every church and 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 Pharaoh 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**

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-**

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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 Pharaoh. **Why 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*?**

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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.

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Select at least one activity below to complete before moving on to another series.

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.

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