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## *PARADIGM SHIFTS REQUIRED FOR NATION TRANSFORMATION*

1. We are called to disciple nations, not just individuals (Matthew 28:18-20)
2. The Marketplace, which is the heart of the nation, has been redeemed and now it must be reclaimed (Luke 19:10)
3. Every Christian is a minister, and labor is worship (Colossians 3:23)
4. We are to take the kingdom of God to where the kingdom of darkness is still entrenched and Jesus will build His Church. (Matthew 16:18-19)
5. Nation transformation must be tangible and the premier social indicator is the elimination of systemic poverty

### **Why poverty?**

- Genesis 3:17-19 “Thorns and thistles” ... - Poverty invaded creation
- Luke 4:18 “Good news to the poor”
- Acts 4:34 “No needy one among them”
- Acts 6 “No hungry person”
- Acts 20:35 “We must take care of the needy”
- Galatians 2:10 “Take care of the poor”
- Revelation 21 “Nations with honor and glory”

“The Son of God appeared for this purpose, that He might destroy the works of the devil.” 1 John 3:8b

### **The Redemption of the Marketplace**

Matthew 28:18-20, Acts 1:8, Acts 5:28, Acts 19:10-11,  
Romans 15:20,23-24, Revelation 21:24-26, Revelation 21:27

**The marketplace is the combination of  
business, education and government.**

**The marketplace is the heart of the city/region. For a city/region  
to be transformed, its heart must be transformed = the Marketplace**

### **Is it possible? Is it biblical?**

“For the Son of Man came to seek and to save that which was lost.”  
(Luke 19:10)

### **What was lost?**

1. Our relationship with God (Adam and Eve were cast out of His presence)
2. Our relationship with each other (Adam/Eve – Cain/Abel)
3. Our relationship with the Marketplace (the ground was cursed)

“For it was the Father’s good pleasure... to reconcile all things to Himself... whether things on earth or things in heaven.” (Colossians 1:19-20)

“In Him we have redemption through His blood... according to the riches of His grace... that He might gather together in one all things in Christ, both... in heaven and... on earth...” (Ephesians 1:7-10)

### **The Context for Luke 19:10 - The Salvation of Zaccheus (a Leader in the Marketplace)**

“While they were listening to this... He went on to tell them a parable because He was near Jerusalem...” (Luke 19:11)

### **The Parable of the Minas**

Do business ... Authority ... Cities

Why is this significantly important?

Because it points to the three-dimensional nature of Jesus’ redemptive work.

### **The Three Dimensions of Christ’s Redemption**

1. Personal
2. Interpersonal
3. Marketplace

### **The Divine Call to Pulpit Ministry**

However, if all believers are priests (ministers), then... there has to be an equally divine call to marketplace ministry.

## NOTES

## Small Group Questions

**1. Read Matthew 28:18-20**

- What is the ultimate goal of the Great Commission?
- What does it mean to disciple a nation?
- What obstacles prevent us from impacting the nations in becoming a disciple of Christ?

**2. Read Matthew 16:18-19**

“The Church has been sent to reclaim that which was lost, which Jesus has already redeemed.”

- Discuss “that which was lost” - Luke 19:10
- What does it mean to be redeemed?
- What was the price paid for redemption?
- Take time to thank God for redeeming these lost relationships.

**3. Read Colossians 3:23**

- What does worship mean to you?
- What does it mean to you to worship in the marketplace?
- What steps do you need to take in order to worship in your labor?

**4. What does it mean to be “called” to the marketplace?**

**What is your role in the marketplace?**