

WHAT IS A KINGDOM LABORER?

*Meaning, Examples, and
How to Start*

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KINGDOM LABORER MEANING (MATTHEW 9:37-38)

Jesus said, “The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few.” (Matthew 9:37-38, ESV)

A Kingdom Laborer is anyone who loves God, loves people, and intentionally lives for His purposes—right where they are. You don’t need special training, a specific job, or a perfect life. Every Christian, no matter your age, background, or experience, can be a laborer in God’s Kingdom.

FOUR AREAS THAT DEFINE A KINGDOM LABORER

1 INTIMACY WITH GOD:

At the core of everything is a close relationship with God... walking daily with our Savior and Friend, listening for His voice, following His direction.

- Setting aside time to just BE WITH God
- Studying God’s Word
- Listening to the Holy Spirit
- Clearing your heart
- Trusting and surrendering to God

2 IGNITING PASSION:

With Jesus’ compassion for us, we discover how deeply His love calls us to have a passion to love others as we are loved.

- Asking the hard questions
- Seeing through God’s eyes
- Hearing stories of faith in action
- Noticing what moves your heart

3 GROWING TOGETHER:

Continuously deepening roots of faith through journeying with community. Asking each other for help and support when we need it.

- Growing authentically with others
- Learning from mentors
- Supporting each other
- Rooting faith in community

4 MOBILIZING FOR MISSION:

Kingdom Laborers live lives of everyday ministry—in corporate offices, faraway countries, neighborhoods—sparking Kingdom movement wherever they go. Filled with God’s love, Kingdom Laborers live with Hearts on Fire and Lives on Purpose for His Kingdom!

- Engaging your everyday world
- Understanding your unique purpose
- Walking in the Spirit
- Living with Hearts on Fire

KINGDOM LABORER EXAMPLES

(3 Real-Life Stories)

EXAMPLE 1: FROM NEW BELIEVER TO SPIRITUAL FATHER

A few years ago, my friend Cale worked with me at a coffee shop. I invited him to a Bible study at my house, and when I said “Bible study,” he asked, “What is that?” We walked through Mark together, and eight weeks later, Cale gave his life to Jesus.

Last year, we reconnected and started walking through Multiplying Movements. By week two, he said, “I want to start telling people about Jesus right now. How do I do it?” So we kept it simple: spend time with people—see them, stop, and invest in their lives; share your story—what your life was like before Jesus and what changed; and share the simple Gospel—Jesus came, died, rose again, and invites us into relationship with Him.

That same week, Cale shared Jesus with a coworker on a ski lift, and she gave her life to Jesus. Cale has almost no Christian background and struggles to read, yet God is using him right where he is. His boldness came from intimacy—sharing Jesus became the overflow of time spent with Him. God doesn’t wait until we feel ready. He uses those who are willing.

EXAMPLE 2: LABORING WHERE ONLY YOU CAN GO

Another friend of mine, Ben, asked me an honest question after I told him about Kingdom Laborership: “I want to be a laborer, but how can I really make an impact? You travel and speak. I don’t have that kind of reach.” I asked him one simple question: “Where do you go every day that I can’t?”

Ben is a competitive pickleball player and coach, and I could never reach his world the way he can. Once he realized that, everything shifted. Within weeks, he began living as a laborer on the pickleball courts—praying with people at tournaments and looking for natural opportunities to share Jesus.

On a staycation with his wife, Ben sat in a hot tub next to an older man on the verge of losing his marriage because of his faith. Instead of brushing off the conversation, he listened and encouraged him, and the man later decided to support Ben’s upcoming mission trip to Ghana. You never know what God will do when you stop seeing interruptions as inconveniences and start seeing them as invitations.

EXAMPLE 3: FAITHFULNESS AFTER SUFFERING

My friend Matt was injured in a surfing accident and lost feeling from the waist down. For a long time, he wrestled with whether God was still good.

Eventually, Matt gave his life to Jesus. As he grew in his faith, we talked about his God-given purpose as a Kingdom Laborer, and his mind went to the skate park. Instead of walking away from the world he loved, he returned to it in a wheelchair, even getting a specialized chair that allows him to fully participate.

Now he’s there regularly, building relationships and sharing how Jesus has changed his life. God is using Matt in a place many would never think to look, reaching people many would never think to reach.

HOW TO START BEING A KINGDOM LABORER

What is one small step of obedience in Laborership God might be inviting you into right now? Here are some ideas:

- **A conversation**—reach out and speak encouragement into someone.
- **A prayer**—lift someone or something to God.
- **A kind act**—do something practical for someone in need.
- **A story shared**—tell your story of Jesus’ work in your life.

TAKE THE STEP. SEE WHAT GOD DOES. THIS LIFE WITH JESUS IS
FAR MORE JOYFUL THAN STANDING ON THE SIDELINES.

Run the race. It’s worth it!