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Ten ways to proactively involve your church leaders in your business world

- 1 **Invite your church leaders for a coffee** (or even lunch) and show them what you do in your business.
- 2 **Share your experience.** Many have assumptions about those in business because they haven't heard your story. Be willing to open up and be transparent.
- 3 **Share testimonies with your church** of God's faithfulness to you in your business context.
- 4 **Don't be embarrassed** to talk about business, your ideas, your dreams – especially in small groups.
- 5 **Gather a group around you to pray and support you** as you journey in the business mission field. Engage spiritually with your business world.
- 6 **Be upfront about how much you can commit to church activities.** You may not be able to attend everything, but be engaged where you can.
- 7 **You have gifts, knowledge and experience.** Consider how these can help your church, but also remain willing to serve in other ways that are needed.
- 8 **Look for people in your church you could mentor or give work and volunteering opportunities to.**
- 9 **Proactively gather with other Christian business people** to pray and support each other, and invite your church leaders as well.
- 10 **Ask for advice and input from your church leaders.** They can bring a different perspective and encouragement.

Ten ways you can proactively engage with the business people in your church

- 1 **Actively pray for them.** In the same way that we pray for those in education and caring professions, plan times of focused prayer for those in business.
- 2 **Actively commission them.** They are in a mission field and face the unsaved every working day. Send them out just as you would a missionary.
- 3 **Ask to visit their workplace.** You don't have to bring pearls of wisdom, just show interest.
- 4 **Ask how to pray for them.** What challenges do they face? How do they need support?
- 5 **Learn their story.** Why did they start in business? How have they seen God at work?
- 6 **Use examples and testimonies that are not just church-centric in your teaching.** Find examples from the marketplace and business in the Bible too.
- 7 **Recognise their gifting and seek their input.** Many run complex organisations, manage and train people, and are experienced problem-solvers.
- 8 **Recognise that their calendar may not fit with church activities.** They won't be able to attend every event, and involving them may require flexibility.
- 9 **Encourage them to join groups like Business Link to receive regular prayer and support.**
- 10 **Include business leaders in your leaders events.** They can bring different perspectives and unique insights.