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BOOKLET INSTRUCTIONS

This booklet is meant to be coupled with the provided slides. We use an adult method of teaching:

1. Discovery The adults will discover the information.
2. Discussion The adults will discuss what they discovered.
3. Lecture The teacher will come back and teach.



Twelve Basic Areas of the Public Square 2-3

- Business (Small and Corporate)
- Government (Elected Officials, Employees, Policies, & Laws)
- Religious Organizations, The Church, & Other Non-Profits
- Education (Private and Public)
- The Arts, Entertainment, and Athletics
- Medical (Emergency, Short-Term, and Long-Term)
- Justice, Law Enforcement, & Those Incarcerated
- Professionals, Finance, and Tech
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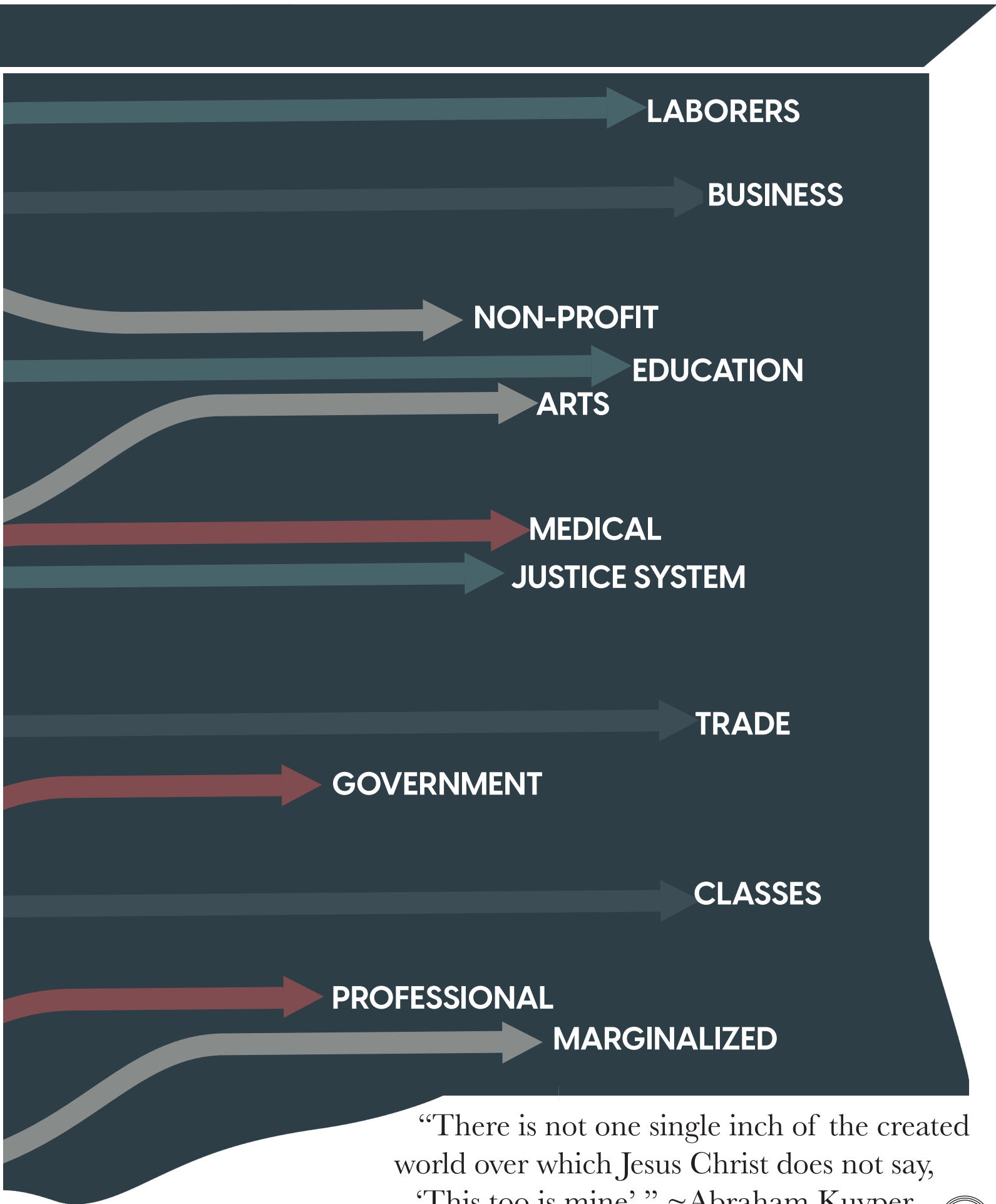
- Core Value #1
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AT THE CENTER OF THE PUBLIC SQUARE IS

We the People

INDIVIDUALS WITH A BIBLICAL WORLDVIEW
INDIVIDUALS WITH A NON-BIBLICAL WORLDVIEW



“There is not one single inch of the created world over which Jesus Christ does not say, ‘This too is mine’.” ~Abraham Kuyper



PUBLIC SQUARE AREAS FROM DIFFERENT ANGLES

INSTRUCTIONS: Take the time to go through the 12 basic areas of the Public Square. Measure, Brainstorm, and Discern: "What are your community needs?"

PUBLIC SQUARE AREA #1: Business (Small and Corporate)

Measure:

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
Dark, Hopeless *God's Light/God's Hope*

Discern: What is the need?

PUBLIC SQUARE AREA #2: Government - Elected Officials, Employees, Policies, and Laws

Measure:

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
Dark, Hopeless *God's Light/God's Hope*

Discern: What is the need?

PUBLIC SQUARE AREA #3: Religious Organizations, The Church, and Other Non-Profits

Measure:

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
Dark, Hopeless *God's Light/God's Hope*

Discern: What is the need?

PUBLIC SQUARE AREA #4: Education (Private and Public)

Measure:

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
Dark, Hopeless *God's Light/God's Hope*

Discern: What is the need?

PUBLIC SQUARE AREA #5: The Arts, Entertainment, and Athletics

Measure:

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
Dark, Hopeless *God's Light/God's Hope*

Discern: What is the need?

PUBLIC SQUARE AREA #6: Medical (Emergency, Short-Term, and Long-Term)

Measure:

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
Dark, Hopeless *God's Light/God's Hope*

Discern: What is the need?



PUBLIC SQUARE AREA #7: Justice, Law Enforcement, and Those Incarcerated

Measure:

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
Dark, Hopeless *God's Light/God's Hope*

Discern: What is the need?

PUBLIC SQUARE AREA #8: Professionals, Finance, and Tech

Measure:

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
Dark, Hopeless *God's Light/God's Hope*

Discern: What is the need?

PUBLIC SQUARE AREA #9: Laborers and Trade

Measure:

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
Dark, Hopeless *God's Light/God's Hope*

Discern: What is the need?

PUBLIC SQUARE AREA #10: Retired and Widows

Measure:



Discern: What is the need?

PUBLIC SQUARE AREA #11: Lower Class, Middle Class, and Upper Class

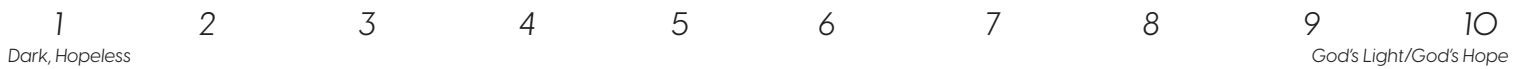
Measure:



Discern: What is the need?

PUBLIC SQUARE AREA #12: Marginalized (Addicted, Divorced, Disabled, and Hurting)

Measure:



Discern: What is the need?



DEVELOPING A STRATEGY FOR THE PUBLIC SQUARE

INSTRUCTIONS: Looking at the 12 basic areas, pick one to three that your church may be able to influence and be the Salt and Light with a biblical worldview.

1st Choice for Influence in the Public Square:

Vision: What is God's preferred future for the public square you picked?

Mission: Why would the church you lead need the body of Christ to infuse SALT and LIGHT into this area?

Strategy: How can the church you help lead practically be SALT and LIGHT in this public square area?

Goals: What practical small steps can you lead those you influence to engage in the public square?

Support #1: What public policies will best serve you in accomplishing influence and be best for all citizens?

Support #2: Who do you need as an elected official to get your policy implemented?

2nd Choice for Influence in the Public Square:

Vision: What is God's preferred future for the public square you picked?

Mission: Why would the church you lead need the body of Christ to infuse SALT and LIGHT into this area?

Strategy: How can the church you help lead practically be SALT and LIGHT in this public square area?

Goals: What practical small steps can you lead those you influence to engage in the public square?

Support #1: What public policies will best serve you in accomplishing influence and be best for all citizens?

Support #2: Who do you need as an elected official to get your policy implemented?



3rd Choice for Influence in the Public Square:

Vision: What is God's preferred future for the public square you picked?

Mission: Why would the church you lead need the body of Christ to infuse SALT and LIGHT into this area?

Strategy: How can the church you help lead practically be SALT and LIGHT in this public square area?

Goals: What practical small steps can you lead those you influence to engage in the public square?

Support #1: What public policies will best serve you in accomplishing influence and be best for all citizens?

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DEVELOPING CORE VALUES

What Core Values must you embrace to make your PUBLIC SQUARE MINISTRY successful?

Core Value #1:

Discussion: Why do you think this is a significant core value?

Core Value #2:

Discussion: Why do you think this is a significant core value?

Core Value #3:

Discussion: Why do you think this is a significant core value?



The Public Square can be a messy place to minister. Therefore, having a few relational commitments is important to a healthy team, board, or group.

The following is our commitment to how we will interact.

Relational Commitment #1: (Proverbs 29:18)

We are committed to passionately and enthusiastically accomplishing our Public Square mission, vision, strategy, and goals.

Mission – Why we exist

Vision – Our preferred future

Strategy – How we will accomplish mission and vision

Goals – Small steps in the strategy

Relational Commitment #2: (Hebrews 13:18)

We are committed to embracing our Public Square core values.

Core Values – The how behind the what

Relational Commitment #3: (Ephesians 4:14-16)

We are committed to speaking the truth in love.

Enough truth that it is clear

Enough love that it is palatable

Relational Commitment #4: (Matthew 18:15)

We are committed to direct communication

We will go directly to the person to communicate our concerns

Relational Commitment #5: (1 Corinthians 12)

We are committed to respecting, embracing, and empowering differences.

Respecting different roles – Roles will be clear

Embracing different talents/gifts – Talents/Gifts will be celebrated

Empowering communication about different viewpoints –

Vantage points will be invited.

Relational Commitment #6: (Galatians 6:1-2; Colossians 3:23-24)

We are committed to accountability.

Spiritual/Biblical Accountability

Work Accountability

Quality Accountably

Timeliness Accountability

Relational Commitment #7: (Proverbs 27:17)

We are committed to healthy tension.

We will sharpen each other without cutting each other.

Relational Commitment #8: (Ephesians 4:29)

We are committed to speaking well of each other to others.

We are committed to speaking affirming words to others about each other.

If these commitments are broken, not remembered, or not lived out we agree to the following process

Process: The Path of a Peacemaker. (Story – Ascend, Reflect, Connect)

We will listen to each other’s STORY. (Discover our story and stretch our perspective)

We will pause to ASCEND. (Pray, read scripture, and return to our core values)

We will REFLECT. (Take personal responsibility)

We will CONNECT. (Apologize, forgive, & develop a plan for the future)

Everyone on the team should sign the relational commitment.

Printed Name

Signature

Date

Printed Name

Signature

Date



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