

## Where are Lost People? II

*Where do we spend most of our time? What does He require of us in the marketplace? Does the marketplace have any value to the kingdom of God? Is work something we do until we retire and then go into full time ministry? Is work our full-time ministry where we forcefully advance the kingdom of God? Where did Jesus encounter people?*

The gospels and the book of Acts show us the overwhelming appearances ministry and interventions of Jesus were in the marketplace.

- The marketplace is where people work or look for work.

Other spaces are homes, personal encounters and worship centers.

Jesus had 122 appearances in the marketplace, 10 not in the marketplace.

Jesus taught 45 parables in the marketplace, 7 not in the marketplace.

Jesus had 39 divine interventions in the marketplace, 1 not in the marketplace.

*Jesus encountered people in the marketplace and in ministry space.*

<sup>NLT</sup> **Matthew 13:33** Jesus also used this illustration: "The Kingdom of Heaven is like the yeast a woman used in making bread. Even though she put only a little yeast in three measures of flour, it permeated every part of the dough."

A servant leader in the marketplace is an influencer.

Like yeast in bread we influence everything around us.

The task of the church (the woman) is to develop influencers (yeast) to penetrate the marketplace (the dough).

### I

Yeast is inactive when in the package.

Yeast by itself looks helpless and insignificant.

Yeast does its work when poured into a different environment.

- Yeast works best when heat is applied.

### II

Yeast is not intimidated by the size of the dough.

Yeast is not concerned about the size of the environment.

Yeast changes the whole makeup of the dough.

- Yeast raises everything around it.

### III

Yeast never abandons the dough, it changes it.

Yeast can't be separated from the dough.

Once the influence of yeast starts, it can never be stopped.

Yeast works quietly, secretly and thoroughly.

Nothing can stop the advancement of the yeast in the dough.

- Servant leaders influence everything around them.
- A few servant leaders can have great lasting influence.
- Servant leaders penetrate their environment.
- Nothing can stop the advancement of a servant leader.

*The task of the church (the woman) is to develop influencers (yeast) to penetrate the marketplace (the dough) where lost people are.*