

CASE STUDY

WorkLife Ministry

Church: Journey Community Church, San Diego, CA

Church Data: Located in San Diego. Mike Burns, SR. Pastor, & Ed Noble, Teaching Pastor
Avg. weekly attendance: 2500, Launched church wide worklife ministry August 2002
church: www.JourneyCommunityChurch.org
worklife ministry: www.JourneyatWork.org



Weekly Workplace Influence: The church is intentionally influencing approximately 20,000 people in San Diego workplaces through the work lives of the Journey congregation each week.

Ministry Overview:

Journey's Teaching Pastor

It's pretty obvious, but sometimes the most obvious things are the most easily overlooked. The people we are trying to help follow Jesus spend most of their waking hours NOT at our church, in our services or participating in our programs. Even the most involved amongst us spend most of their waking hours in work environments, be they offices, shops, sites, homes or campuses. So, here comes the obvious part, if we are going to help people authentically live for Jesus, that means they will succeed or fail depending on how they do with the roughly 60% of their waking hours at work. This is a clarion call to our church!

His Church at Work has helped us get intentional about ministry in and through the work lives of our people. They have facilitated the process and built the infrastructure to equip our people to live for Christ in this critical area of life.

We are now more fully addressing the whole person, and an area of life that is vitally important to us reaching our city. I think this is the beginning of a real movement of God in our church and city which will be used in greatly advancing the Kingdom of God.

Ed Noble
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Journey is an influential church in the San Diego area with a God ambition for reaching the city. It had implemented a strategy for reaching an expansive area of San Diego County in which God had placed them. Their attendance was growing and the church became known as a healthy, healing church in the community. Rick Warren's Purpose Driven Church division had awarded Journey its church health award several years ago.

Journey continues to look for creative and Biblical ways to reach the community with maximum effectiveness. In following with the principles of a Purpose Driven Church, Journey viewed a church-wide strategy of worklife ministry as a natural and dynamic way to reach a large portion of the county. A Purpose Driven vision for work, tools, and a church-wide infrastructure developed to affirm and equip members for worklife transformation are all elements in the worklife ministry. The Church is seeing the impact on member's lives as a critical indicator in the effectiveness of this focus.

Church Member Testimonies:



"I have always been very involved at church BUT since having my church affirm me in seeing my work as ministry things are really changing. I have never had courage like I do now. I am praying for my co-workers, sharing our work discipleship materials with several co-workers and even had a conversation about Christ with my boss who is our company CEO. I am so happy and full of joy. Please do not ever stop supporting me here at work. Before this kind of help this area of my life was mostly untouched by God's presence."

"Our workplace ministry and the Tools are a great encouragement for me throughout the week. This is an awesome ministry and it helps me to stay focused on what's really important."

As the work life ministry at Journey continues to mature the church looks for more ways to drive the truths of "work as a true ministry calling" deeper into the DNA of the church. To elevate this issue, the church devoted an entire month in 2003 to equipping each member for their calling at work. A month long series called "The God of Monday - Finding God in your workplace" was developed and then taught by Pastor Ed Noble. Drama, discipleship and testimony were all part of this pervasive worklife campaign.

The worklife ministry continues to grow and become a vital part of Journey's Purpose Driven Strategy.

The Church on Monday is evidence that the Church on Sunday is real!



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