



WORKPLACE VISITS

in 3 easy steps

Why do workplace visits?

If we spend all our time with those who are in need, or those who share responsibility for the church, the connections instinctively made in our ministries will either emphasise God's care, or God's future for the church community. Both are important aspects of life as Christians, but there is more.

There are many working people in our churches. For them work is not an occasional theme, it is a regular context. It is the job of the leaders to ensure that this context remains present in the gathered ministries of the church. Workplace visits will help you in this endeavour.

Step 1: Arranging your visit...

- Begin with someone you already have a rapport with
- Make it as convenient as possible for the person in question
- Where possible, meet in the actual place of work or in the immediate vicinity
- Don't stay too long! Agree the timings...and leave when you said you would

Step 2: While you're there...

- Remember you are there principally to listen. Seek to understand them and try hard not to give advice.
- Ask good questions – here are a few to get you started:
 - a. What does your job entail?
 - b. What are the opportunities and the challenges for you in work?
 - c. How have you experienced God in your work in the past? Where is He now?
 - d. How is your experience of work shaping you as a follower of Jesus?

- e. What brings you joy here?
- f. What helps you keep going?
- g. Is there anything in particular about your workplace you'd like prayer for?
- If they're happy for you to do so, pray with them before you leave

Step 3: After your visit...

- Pray for all you hear!
- Stay interested in what's going on in their workplace