

## **A New Kind of Army** *Lesson 7*

### **Joel 3:9-10**

*"Proclaim this among the nations: Prepare for war! Rouse the warriors! Let all the fighting men draw near and attack. Beat your plowshares into swords and your pruning hooks into spears".*

God is raising up a new kind of army in these last days.

It is the remnant in the Body of Christ that has the greatest potential for societal transformation of any segment of society - men and women in the workplace. It is a remnant that has been largely silent.

Plowshares and pruning hooks are agricultural instruments that farmers use in their work. The prophet Joel says these very instruments will be used in the last days as weapons of war. However, it won't be a war against man and an enemy, but against the Kingdom of darkness.

As we enter the last days, men and women will begin to see their vocations as instruments to defeat the forces of evil and usher in the Kingdom of God. You will see Christ glorified in the marketplace like never before.

You will see hundreds and thousands become part of a new harvest of souls in the "9 to 5 window", where many have yet to experience the saving knowledge of Jesus Christ.

What has to happen for your plowshare or pruning hook to be transformed into a weapon of love, designed to cut through the strongholds of unbelief and corruption in your workplace?

You are a spiritual warrior in a worker's uniform.

God has called you to transform your view of yourself and your work. He desires to use you and your work life to impact your workplace, city and nation.

Are you ready to beat your plowshare into a sword and your pruning hook into a spear?

## **A New Kind of Army**

### *Roundtable Discussion*

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1. Do you believe that we are living in the last days? How can you tell?
2. Do you believe the church, as a whole, is doing a good job of evangelizing the lost? Why?
3. Do you believe the methods God used 200 years ago are still relevant to this present culture? How about what He did 25 years ago?
4. If people are not coming to church should we take the church to them? How?