

6M SUMMARY SHEET

There are all kinds of ways to be fruitful on your frontline. And therefore all kinds of ways you are probably already being fruitful. Here are 6Ms to explore. How might you...

Model godly character?

In tough times and easy ones, with difficult people and delightful people, how might you manifest the fruit of the Spirit – love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control? Which one is a struggle for you? Are you praying that you grow in the Christ-likeness of your responses?

Make good work?

This includes both what we do and how we do it. It means doing good work that serves other people, contributes to human flourishing and stewards creation. It means doing your tasks consciously for the Lord, in the Spirit, to his glory, seeking his wisdom, his strength and his touch. Your best with his transforming help.

Minister grace and love?

There are many ways to do this, not only in practical care and kindness for those who need it, but through the way we respond in difficult and indeed ordinary situations. How do we engage with the check-out person, or the lonely shopper in the charity shop, or the new parent at the school gate, or do an appraisal with the other person's long-term interests at heart, not just the company's?

Mould culture?

Culture is 'the way we do things round here'. Although you may not be able to change the way your company or your gym or your parents' association does things by next Monday, you may well be able to begin with a few people and a few small actions. What things bother you – and what are the values that underpin them? What could be done differently that would make it a better place for people to flourish? What would make it more like God's will being done on earth as in heaven?

Be a Mouthpiece for truth and justice?

There will be times when being a disciple means speaking up against things that are unfair, unhealthy or untruthful, and speaking up for things that are true and just and good. It takes courage, wisdom and prayer.

Be a Messenger of the gospel?

You may not get an opportunity every day, or even every month, but ask God who he might want you to pray for. Ask someone else to pray for you, to offer wisdom and hold you accountable. Be ready 'to give a reason for the hope that is in you' (1 Peter 3:15). Don't be driven by false guilt. Rest in God, trust his timing, build trust and relationships, care for people and share what Jesus has done in your life and what he offers to everyone. Celebrate the steps you see people making towards Jesus.

