

WORKING DISCIPLESHIP

Some resources . . . books, worship, video & courses

BOOKS

Thank God It's Monday - ministry in the workplace

Mark Greene (2001 SU 177pp ISBN 1 85999 5039)

Contemporary stories, Bible stories, discussion and practical guidelines.

Looks at how we can:

- make the most of our time at work;
- see our jobs, colleagues and bosses the way God does;
- integrate our life and work;
- live our work life, as well as our weekend life, fruitfully for God.

Changing World, Unchanging Church - an agenda for Christians in

public life – ed. David Clark (1997 Mowbray 195pp £12-99 ISBN 0 264 67421 9)

Loads of articles by individual Christians in public life, including Rowan Williams, Gerard Hughes, George Carey, Alistair Burt, Lesslie Newbigin. A commentary on the relationship of the Church with the wider world at the turn of the millennium, asking how is it possible to make sense of the challenges of faith while playing a full part in a secular culture.

The Spirit At Work Phenomenon

Sue Howard & David Welbourn (2004 Azure 194pp ISBN 1 902694 295)

Considers:

- the central aspects of workplace spirituality, linking the personal journey and the corporate journey;
- the connections between spiritual and economic health;
- stories of the Spirit at work in different organisations.

Especially useful for managers and directors concerned for the spiritual health of their organisations.

Equipping Christians at Work

Julian Reindorp (ISBN 0 71514923 7)

Thought-provoking & engaging. Highly recommended.

90,000 Hours; Managing the World of Work

Rodney Green (2002 SU ISBN 1 85999 594 2)

A Spirituality of Work

Catholic Bishops' Conference of England & Wales

(2001 48pp ISBN 0 905241 185)

Considers creation, fall, new covenant, purposes of work and family life, human dignity, justice, evangelisation, prayers and meditations. Very quotable!

Putting Faith To Work

Carol Williams (2004 Industrial Christian Fellowship)

Practical suggestions and reflections for individuals and groups and a Six Point Plan.

Again, useful quotes and lists of thoughts, questions and ideas.

GROVE BOOKLETS

A Christian Understanding of Daily Work

Graham Dow (2000 24pp £2-75 ISBN 1 85174 261 1)

Considers:

- why it is important
- God's purpose for us
- creative management of God's world
- work and human community
- relationships based on Kingdom values
- addressing these issues in the parish

Also includes guide for using the booklet as a 5 session course, using chapters with Bible study and discussion.

God At Work

John Goldingay & Robert Innes (1994 24pp £2-75 ISBN 1 851 74272 7)

Examines whole concept of creation, God's image, God as the first worker, the workplace today, our vocation, historical ideas about work, how we cope with corporate cultures today.

God At Work II

David Sheppard, James Alcock, Robert Innes

(1995 24pp £2-75 ISBN 0 851 74284 0)

Bridging the gap between church and work, the Protestant work ethic, Biblical insights, financial and consumer issues, the market economy.

Mind The Gap – Connecting Faith with Work

Richard Higginson (1997 CPAS 40pp ISBN 1 8976 6079 0)

5 Group sessions:

- Introduction; Creation; Fall; Reconciliation; Future Hope (he outlines these areas succinctly in an interview on the 'Thank God It's Monday' video by Mark Greene – see below)
- briefings and group activities
- Bible studies
- discussion starters
- photocopiable materials
- useful resource list at back

Imagine: How we can reach the UK

Mark Greene (London Institute for Contemporary Christianity 2003 26pp £1 discount price to ministers)

Encouraging the Church to faith and action. Some interesting statements for discussion.

Supporting Christians at Work (without going insane): a practical guide for busy pastors - Mark Greene

(2001 LICC 37pp £1 discount price for ministers)

Covers: why the workplace matters; how the workplace was lost; issues facing workers today; 4 keys to supporting workers; 50 ways to support the workers; useful list of resources; photocopiable questionnaire and checklists.

Hope, Respect & Trust – Joel Edwards

(2004 Authentic 51pp £4-99 ISBN 1 85078 589 9)

How Biblical ideals address the postmodern search for hope, respect and trust; ideas on how to engage in discussing these with non-Christians.

God's Wealth – whose money is it anyway?

Neil Hood (2004 Authentic 131pp £7-99 ISBN 1 85078 567 8)

How do the messages of our consumer culture differ from God's message about money? How does God want us to think about our resources? Discussion, Bible references, practical exercises.

Eggs and Ashes – Ruth Burgess & Chris Polhill

(2005 Wild Goose 254pp £12-99 ISBN 1 901 557 871)

Suggestions for worship and practical action on economic and environmental issues.

WORSHIP

People & Work Programme Prayer & Resources booklet

(Diocese of Peterborough, sponsored by ICF 10pp £2)

- practical suggestions for relating worship to everyday life
- individual prayers for incorporating into Common Worship
- suggestions for the Intercessions
- lists of services available relating faith to work
- lists of hymns, sermons and readings
- additional ideas to support the congregation

VIDEO

Christian Life & Work

Mark Greene with own accompanying booklet for six sessions, photocopyable leaders' and participants' notes :

- who are we working for?
- why on earth are we working?
- ministry at work
- relating to the boss
- handling pressure
- spirituality in the fast lane

Comes with its own copy of 'Thank God It's Monday' by Mark Greene.

COURSES

Being a Disciple at Work

3 session course fully downloadable from Peterborough Diocesan website:

www.peterborough-diocese.org.uk

- Work – exploring our experiences / Biblical and Gospel perspectives
- Our workplaces – purposes, ethics, relationships / ways of witnessing through our work
- Practical outcomes / a reflective-responsive spiral / prayer / how can our churches support us in work

Christians in the Workplace

a resource pack from the Diocese of Chelmsford. Includes a 2 day study course on *Work & Spirituality* and *Work & Mission*. Plus a 5 session study course; meditations and parables.

Christian Life & Today's World

London School of Theology (formerly London Bible College)

5 sessions - accompanying video available £25 (discounts available on multiple copies)

- The challenge of culture
- Christian life, identity and personhood
- Consumer culture (includes Life Check Plan)
- Progress
- Truth in a pluralistic culture (plus Cultural Challenge Checklist)

The Ridley Hall Foundation

Cambridge – directed by Richard Higginson

Participating in God's mission in the business world, through understanding a fast-changing business environment, discerning God's purpose and applying Christian values in complex working situations. It seeks to equip Christians to be authentic disciples in a secular commercial context.

Runs residential seminars, quarterly journal with the ICF, offers speakers.

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