

Course Outline

The Story of Work

Week 1: A Biblical Theology of Work

Week 2: The Problem with Work

Our Work as the Redeemed

Week 3: A New Boss: How Jesus' Work Changes Our Work

Week 4: A New Goal: Success is Faithfulness

How We Work

Week 5: Motivation: Faithfulness Changes Why We Work

Week 6: Evangelism: Proclaiming Christ in the Workplace

Week 7: Ethics: Case Studies for the Modern Workplace

Week 8: Balance: Christians Are Not Balanced People

Week 9: Work at different stages of life

Questions?

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Suggested Reading

The Gospel at Work (Traeger, Gilbert)

Work Matters: Connecting Sunday Worship to Monday Work (Nelson)

Work: Its Purpose, Dignity, and Transformation (Doriani)

Every Good Endeavor (Keller)



CHRISTIANS IN THE WORKPLACE

ETHICS: CASE STUDIES FOR OUR MODERN WORKPLACE - GOSPEL GROWTH STUDIES

INTRODUCTION

What ethical dilemmas in the workplace are portrayed in the Bible?

Why do ethics matter? (generally in the workplace and specifically for Christians?)

GUIDING QUESTIONS

1. What clear _____ commands or principles apply?
2. What does your _____ say? Remember...
 - ▶ It's generally _____ to violate your conscience.
 - ▶ Your conscience may be _____. It might be seared (1 Timothy 4:2); it might need to be educated (1 Corinthians 8:7).
 - ▶ We must _____ the consciences of others (1 Cor. 8:12).

3. What good opportunities are at stake?

4. How will _____ courses of action make Christ attractive? (Titus 2:10)
 - ▶ What is God like? _____

5. What _____ do friends at church give you?

6. What advice do _____ at work give you?

CASE STUDIES NOTES

Don't just answer the question. Explain how you'll go about doing what you think is right. Show your work. What do you need to think about or consider? How do you need to act or behave? Steer clear of a yes/no answers ("No, I wouldn't host the party.") Instead, talk out how you might communicate your decision, and what might help in avoiding getting into said dilemma in the first place.

As you consider question #1, work to interact with scripture itself by citing specific references that speak to your case study.

Office Party for a Gay Wedding

Co-Worker is Cheating on Your Friend

Request to Exaggerate Your Position

Co-Worker Thinks You're Homophobic

Made a Promise Not to Evangelize

Co-Worker's Deceitful Expense Report