

Godspace 9-5 | 17 Sept, 2017



WEEK 1: The Components WEEK 2: Dilemmas & Innovations WEEK 3: Integration

This is the end of our Godspace 9-5 series. Many thanks to all our leaders for running these groups!
Tonight is a chance to take stock of where you're at personally, probe deeper on things from last week, pray for each other, and discuss how you can support each other from here.

Starter:

1. In Filipino culture (and perhaps also Maori culture), the first question when meeting someone new is not, 'What do you do?', but 'Tell me about your family'. Why is it different in NZ generally? Who has the better approach - kiwis or Filipinos?

Personal Check in:

2. Have a think about where you'd place yourself on these continuums and why. Share what you can with the group on it.

Full integration
of faith & work/9-5

Total disconnect
between faith & work/9-5

Great boundaries
between work & rest

Rest is non existent
or highly inadequate

At the end of a working day
I always feel like 'It was good!'

At the end of a working day
I never feel like 'It was good!'

If I stopped my job tomorrow
I would feel ok about myself

My self worth is dangerously
dependent on how I do in my 9-5

I have very harmonious relationships
with all my 9-5 colleagues

I have constant stress from
dysfunctional 9-5 relationships

Thinking / Feeling:

3. In the Lord's Prayer, we say: *'May your will be done on earth, as it is in heaven'*. If God made all the changes He wanted, to your 9-5, how might it look? What motivates you in this, and how might you be a part of moving things in that direction?
4. Discuss the implications for viewing yourself as a 'marketplace missionary'. How do you feel about the concept? Is it biblical? In what ways might this philosophy affect a mum at home? A student? A retiree?
5. William Diehl, Sales Manager for Bethlehem Steel said:

"In the almost thirty years of my professional career, my church has never once suggested that there be any type of accounting of my on-the-job ministry to others. My church has never once offered to improve those skills which could make me a better minister, nor has it ever asked if I needed any kind of support in what I was doing. There has never been an inquiry into the types of ethical decisions I must face, or whether I seek to communicate my faith to my co-workers. I have never been in a congregation where there was any type of public affirmation of a ministry in my career. In short, I must conclude that my church really doesn't have the least interest in whether or how I minister in my daily work."
- WE ARE THE CHURCH! How can we - the people of MABC - be better than this? What are some ways that people who've attended this discussion group can continue to support each other?
6. Any final thoughts, thanks, celebrations, great ideas or suggestion for what next...?

Praying:

In twos or threes, ask each other what you'd like prayer for. Pray also for great integration, in line with the continuums at the top of the sheet.