

# Godspace 9-5 | 3 Sept, 2017



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

Godspace 9-5 looks at whatever you do 9-5 through the week, and asks how your faith works out with it. Some will have thought a lot about this; others less so. This series is a great opportunity to share ideas, connect relationally with church folk who are in the same vocational area and discuss the big challenges in working out your vocation in light of your faith. As with any topical series, it's crucial that we start with a biblical foundation. The first sermon creates a biblical framework and discusses all the 'The Components' of the work-faith challenge that arise from it.

## Connecting:

1. Going round the circle, everyone introduce themselves and say what you do in your 9-5
2. In threes:
  - a) Discuss one thing you love about your work/9-5, and one thing you struggle with?
  - b) 'I feel God's pleasure when I \_\_\_\_\_' [Be specific. Is your answer something you are doing during your 9-5? If so, how much of your week do you get to do that thing?]

## Thinking / Feeling:

3. EITHER: What's one thing that stuck in your mind from the biblical overview in Steve's sermon on Sunday?  
OR: When you think about your christianity and your 9-5, what is a scripture that is important to you?
4. As western christians, we often compartmentalise things. Here are two examples:
  - a) Donald is a complete pain in the neck at work. He's not a team player, he's grumpy and unhelpful. Then at lunchtimes he gets out his Bible and tries to share the gospel with people. This is an awful advertisement for Christianity to those around him
  - b) Susan is a wonderful christian woman; people want to be her friend. But when asked she said: 'I haven't thought much about how my faith and my work connect. And to be honest, when I get stressed, my behaviour at work is as bad or worse than any non christian around me.'

How do you respond to these? How disconnected is your faith from your work? And what about your Sunday/Monday connection?

5. Why is paid work often viewed as 'real work', unlike for example, reading stories to your kids or changing nappies, or doing volunteer work for church or community?
  - Do you think God sees a difference? How much has our culture or your family of origin affected our views on this?
6. There are many ways of outworking our faith in our workplace - it comes into everything. Yet christians often think just of workplace evangelism or of 'being good' at work. What are some of the other ways?
7. From the sermon: *'God Himself is a worker and we are created in His image so we share that need for purpose and work. That's why it's so hard when we face redundancy or prolonged unemployment.'* [Continues on next page]

- Have any of you had experiences of unemployment or redundancy that you are happy to share? Is anyone facing this currently?
- How dependent are you on work for your sense of self-worth? If you were suddenly unemployed, how would you cope?

## Praying:

In twos or three, ask each other what you'd like prayer for? Include things like

- job happiness
- job security
- faith & work alignment