*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: Relationships: Imaging Christ in the Workplace

Week 7: Balance: Christians Are *Not* Balanced People

Week 8: Gender: Being Who You Are in the Workplace

Week 9: Ethics: Case Studies for the Modern Workplace

Week 10: Finding a Job: Putting First Things First

Week 11: Evangelism: Sharing Christ With Your Colleagues

Week 12: Work at different stages of life

Week 13: Panel Q&A

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Suggested reading

* *The Gospel at Work* (Traeger, Gilbert)
* *God at Work* (Veith)
* *The Call* (Guiness)

Core Seminars – Engaging the World

**Christians in the Workplace**

***Week 5***

**Motivation:**

***Faithfulness Changes Why We Work***

**Introduction**

Can people tell you’re a Christian by how you work? Why you work?

How has the concept of “working to be counted as faithful” affected your work?

**Love of God, Love of Neighbor**

Our assignment from Jesus is to be faithful: to obey him in the workplace as to show off the excellence of his worth.

What does faithful obedience look like? Matt. 22:37-38

**Motive #1: Work for Enjoyment**

God created work (in part) for our enjoyment

* 1 Timothy 6:17
* Ecclesiastes 5:18-19

**Motive #2: Work to Reflect God’s Character**

Experiencing God’s delight in being God by following in his footsteps.

Vindicating the goodness of God’s attributes.

*We reflect God’s character by…*

*- Bringing order out of chaos.*

*- Exercising authority well*

“The Spirit of the Lord speaks by me;  
    his word is on my tongue.  
The God of Israel has spoken;  
    the Rock of Israel has said to me:  
When one rules justly over men,  
    ruling in the fear of God,  
he dawns on them like the morning light,  
    like the sun shining forth on a cloudless morning,  
    like rain that makes grass to sprout from the earth.

2 Samuel 23:2-4

Using authority for the good of others is a counter-attack against Satan’s lie that *no* authority (even God’s) can be trusted.

*- Being Creative*

*- Providing*

God has ordered this world such that he normally provides through our work.

Our provision glorifies God:

* As we obey his command to love our neighbor.
* As we take satisfaction in providing for others like he does.

**Motive #3: Work to Adorn the Gospel**

Titus 2:10: “So that in every way they will make the teaching about God our Savior attractive.”

**Motive #4: Work for Money**

Money: the forgotten hero of the workplace

One of God’s main purposes for employment is money

* 2 Thess. 3:10 (no work, no eat)
* Prov. 12:11

“Anyone who has been steeling must steal no longer, but must work, doing something useful with their own hands, that they may have something to share with those in need” – Eph. 4:28

Rightly working for money can protect us from idolatry and idleness.

**Conclusion**

The necessity of faith.