



Core Seminars – Engaging the World  
**Christians in the Workplace**  
Week 8

## 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 resources:

- “The Music and the Meaning of Male and Female,” by Alastair Roberts (available online)
- *Man and Woman in Christ*, by Stephen B. Clark
- *On the Meaning of Sex*, by J. Budziszewski,

## **Gender: Being Who You Are in the Workplace**

### **Introduction**

Two errors to avoid: (1) Scripture says nothing; (2) Scripture gives us fixed, categorical rules for how gender applies in the modern workplace.

## **I. Foundations**

### **(1) The Tasks: Complementary Roles in the Creation Mandate**

- Man and woman are both made in God's image and both commissioned to rule the earth under God's rule. (Gen 1:26–28).
- God has given men and women distinct, complementary roles in fulfilling this commission (Gen 1–3).

## **(2) The Equipment: Discerning Gender Differences**

- Physical differences
- Psychological differences
  - Analytical / integrated
  - Oriented toward abstract goals / personal needs
  - Aggressive / nurturing

(3) Recognize that there is less “space” for gender differences in the modern workplace than in traditional societies, the household, and the life of the church.

(4) Embrace your gender as a gift from God and an asset for serving others in love. Be who you are!

## **(3) The Setting: Technological Society**

(5) Embrace plans that will support and fit with gender-specific callings that you either have or desire.

## **II. Application**

(1) Resist the denial of reality. Gender is real, and so are gender differences.

(2) Resist the reduction of value to money.