

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

Work: Witness

Before we begin

Last week we were reminded that whatever work we are engaged in (paid or unpaid, Christian or secular, in the office or in the home) we work for King Jesus. How should remembering this impact:

- how we speak at work
- how we apply ourselves
- our honesty and integrity
- the way that we deal with mistakes?

Recap

- God is a worker (Genesis 2:2) and work is a good part of God's creation (Genesis 2:15)
- But work is cursed (Genesis 3:17-19; Ecclesiastes 2:22,23) so our attitude to work is to be "positive but realistic". This means that we are not idle but nor do we allow our work to become an idol
- We are redeemed by Christ and look forward to a day when work will be redeemed; for now, we work as working for King Jesus

Feedback

Reflections on what difference this understanding of work makes.

Sharing Jesus at work

- Ambassadors of Christ (2 Corinthians 5:18-20)
- SPEAK (from *Living for Jesus at Work*)
 - Start with prayer
 - Prioritise your work
 - Explain
 - Aim to build bridges
 - Know when to stop
- Workplace Christian groups
- Lunchtime talks
- Events (speaker events; carol services; Christianity Explored; Inter-Faith Week)

Feedback

Sharing experiences of witnessing at work.

Resources



Book: *Revolutionary Work: what's the point of the 9 to 5?* by William Taylor

(based on this sermon series, preached at St Helen's Bishopsgate in 2016: www.st-helens.org.uk/resources/series/4890/)



Book: *The Gospel at Work: how the gospel gives new purpose and meaning to our jobs* by Sebastian Traeger and Greg Gilbert



Book: *Jesus @ Work: being a disciple for Christ in the Workplace* by Graham Beynon



Video: A 15 minutes video on being a witness at work (a great review of the key points we have covered in these Sunday school sessions)

www.apassionforlife.org.uk/videos/being-a-witness-at-work/



Podcast: *4 Ways the Gospel Transforms Work* with Tim Keller

www.thegospelcoalition.org/podcasts/tgc-podcast/4-ways-the-gospel-transforms-work/

Gospel at Work: lunchtime Bible talks across London



Mid-week lunchtime Bible talks for Christians and those looking in from Paddington in the west to Stratford in the east (and online)

www.gospelatwork.org.uk



Transform Work UK

To find, or for help with setting up, a workplace Christian group

www.transformwork.net



Living for Jesus at Work

A resource to help you to live out your faith in the workplace

www.lawcf.org/resources/living-for-jesus-at-work

Sector Groups

Some sectors have their own Christian fellowships – e.g., The Lawyers' Christian Fellowship; The Christian Medical Fellowship; Christians in Property; Association of Christian Teachers