# WORK: Week 2

BUSINESS IS A FUNDAMENTAL STRUCTURE OF LOVE IN THE KINGDOM OF GOD

### Fractured reality of work

- Lawyers aim for justice
- Doctors seeking healing
- Teachers nurturing knowledge
- Public officials serving public
- Commerce providing goods and services

We often experience something else in the workplace. Lose sight of what we are there for

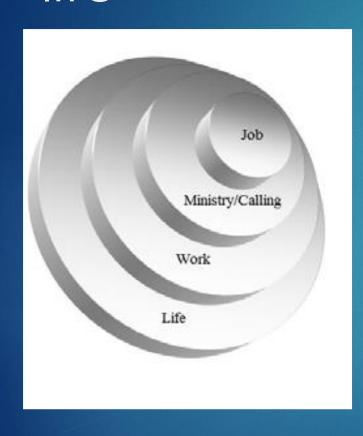
Disillusioned, disappointed, depressed and stressed

# Split spirituality

- Secular and Spiritual
- Sacred and Profane
- Holy and Ordinary
- Betrays a fundamental problem with our thinking about REALITY
  - There is some place where God is
  - There are other places where God is NOT

# WHERE DO I SITUATE MY WORKPLACE

# How do Lunderstand my life



- Job = What I paid to do, bow I earn a living,
- Ministry = That part of God's special work in my time that He has specifically allotted to me.
- Work = The total amount Of lasting goods which I will produce in my lifetime.
- Life = Me. My experiences and who I am

God works from Life to Job. We are prone to put the emphasis exactly in reverse.

#### Where is God?

Matthew 4:17 Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.

God's influence, power, friendship is present everywhere and to all

#### My RESPONSE

Colossians 3:17 And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

# Whatever you do ...

- In word and deed
- Wholeness of life- holiness integrated life

The way you do anything is the way you do everything.

#### In the name of Christ

- As Christ's steward, under Christ's authority
- Note- Colossians 3 it is giving us an imagination for what they could look like
- Clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. <sup>13</sup> Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. <sup>14</sup> And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity.

# Business is a fundamental structure of love in the kingdom of God

- How do we bring Christianity into work, into life
- Bring Christ into our hearts that will flow into life, work, ministry and job.
- How do we get Christ into boardroom- place a Christian there
- The place of discipleship is wherever I am now. It's wherever I am now and whatever I am doing now (DW)

# Redefining success

- Power, status, wealth
- Good person
- Ethics about not getting caught or doing the correct thing
- In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven. Matthew 5:16
- What would it look like if all your life smelled like Colossians 3
- Quakers business, Cadbury, etc.

# Imagination for life

- Work as God's chosen way to bless the world
- Create a place of joyful work-
- Product- order reality to bless
- Fruits of labour- enough to be generous and bless those in need
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- Integrated life- life, work, ministry, job