

Faith and Work Syllabus

“Be diligent to present yourself approved to God as a workman who does not need to be ashamed, accurately handling the word of truth.”

2 Timothy 2:15

“And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, so that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect.”

Romans 12:2

“...for they received the message with great eagerness and examined the Scriptures every day to see if what Paul said was true.”

Acts 17:11

Course Description

Work came before the Fall (Genesis). Work is part of God’s good blessing. “Biblical wisdom is immensely relevant to our questions about work today. In fact, the Christian view of work – that we work to serve others, not ourselves – can provide the foundation of a thriving professional and balanced personal life” (Tim Keller). Work, from professional secular work to washing the dishes is considered an act of worship. This course will apply to you whether you work for wages, volunteer or serve your family. It’s all work.

This group will meet virtually on Zoom.

Course Objectives

This module is designed to assist the learner in gaining biblical insights and skills which will help his or her spiritual, mental, emotional, and relational journey as it applies to work. Upon completion of this course, successful learners will have a much greater understanding of the relationship between faith and work.

1. Understand God’s plan for work.
2. Understand our problems with work.
3. Connect the Gospel to work.

Required Reading

Keller, Timothy, and Katherine Leary Alsdorf. *Every Good Endeavor: Connecting Your Work to Gods Work*. NY, NY: Penguin Books, 2016.

Course

1. **Bible Reading:** Biblical illiteracy is the biggest problem of the American Church. Group members will be expected to read scripture daily. The goal is to eventually read the entire Bible. Do not approach this with a popcorn mentality, picking and choosing random verses each day. Please follow some form of comprehensive plan. Many are available through the YouVersion app. There are One-Year and Two-Year plans, New Testament only plans and much more to choose from. The objective is to be reading your Bible daily with the goal to complete the whole Bible, including the boring parts.
2. **Other Assignments:** Beyond the requirements listed above, videos and other opportunities will be presented for greater engagement with the subject matter.
3. **Group Discussions:** Group discussions are an essential component of this program for the following reasons.
 - a. Discussions aid the learner in developing a clear understanding of the material covered by preparing to share your insights with the group.
 - b. The discussion group enhances and solidifies understanding of the material.
 - c. Discussion builds a sense of community among followers of Christ and aids in the development of deep friendships, mentorships, discipleship, and spiritual growth.

Course Schedule

Each class will begin promptly. Please be prepared to begin class on time. Class time will begin with a fun question, then a comment from your Bible reading that week, followed by dynamic discussion of the learning material.

Respect for and Christian attitudes toward your presenters, classmates and course materials are expected.

Class Schedule – Evening Group Wednesdays 7:00-8:30PM

**EGE = Every Good Endeavor*

| Week | Date | Course Work |
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| Week 1 | 2/10 | Group meet & greet |
| Week 2 | 2/17 | EGE Intro & Ch1 |
| Week 3 | 2/24 | EGE Ch2 |
| Week 4 | 3/3 | EGE Ch3 |
| Week 5 | 3/10 | EGE Ch4 |

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| No Class | 3/17 | No Class/ Spring Break |
| Week 6 | 3/24 | EGE Ch5 |
| Week 7 | 3/31 | EGE Ch6 |
| Week 8 | 4/7 | EGE Ch7 |
| Week 9 | 4/14 | EGE Ch8 |
| Week 10 | 4/21 | EGE Ch9 |
| Week 11 | 4/28 | EGE Ch10 |
| Week 12 | 5/5 | EGE Ch11 |