



Faith@Work

*Does God Really Care About My Life @ Work?
The Answer May Surprise You!*

Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary in Cooperation with Park Street Church will be Offering the Following Class:

Workplace Theology
A Biblical View of Work, Worth and Wealth

Three Weekend Intensives (1/27-28; 3/10-11; 4/21-22)
(Friday 6:00 PM – 9:00 PM and Saturday 8:30 AM – 3:30 PM)
PARK STREET CHURCH, BOSTON

Taught by: Rev. Dr. Kenneth J. Barnes, FRSA, Mockler-Phillips Chair in Workplace Theology and Business Ethics
Guest Lectures by: Rev. Dr. Peter Heslem, FRSA, Director, Transforming Business, Cambridge University
Dr. Theodore Roosevelt Malloch, Oxford University and The Henley School of Business

This class is OPEN to ALL on either a full credit (full tuition) or audit (\$150) basis.

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The
Mockler Center
For Faith & Ethics in the Workplace

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THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

Weekend One:

Section A: The God of Work (Genesis 1-2; metaphors in Psalms and Isaiah)

- Explore the idea of the God who is sovereign over all work
- Consider what it means that God is the “worker par excellence”
- Understand the relationship between human work and both the ‘imago dei’ and the ‘missio dei’
- Consider the theological implications of what it means if God is the model of our working, the source of our working and the goal of our working
- Understand the relationship between the God of work and one’s vocation
- Examine how the idea of ‘kingdom work’ (i.e. “work” of which God approves) has changed in Christian thought over time

Section B: The Work of God: Father, Son and Spirit (Genesis 1, Ephesians 1, John 17)

- Explore the idea of God’s “work”
- Understand the work of the Father
- Understand the work of Jesus
- Understand the work of the Spirit
- Explore how God still works today
- Contrast and Compare various popular understandings of the work of God: Father Son and Spirit with the biblical narrative

Weekend Two:

Section C: Creation (Genesis 1-2, Psalms, Isaiah 45, John 1, Romans 1 & 8)

- Explore the work of creation in the Old and New Testaments
- Consider the concept of ‘good work’
- Understand the meaning of God working ‘from nothing’
- Examine the place of creativity in human work
- Consider the biblical foundations of work in terms of relationship, meaning, identity and security
- Imagine the impact of a positive theology of work on modern day economic activity

Section D: Fall (Genesis 3, Exodus 1 & 5, Ecclesiastes 2-3, Romans)

- Explore the impact of the Fall on work in the Old and New Testaments
- Analyze the impact of particular curses and their consequences
- Understand New Testament perspectives on the Fall and human complicity
- Consider the impact of the Fall on modern day economic activity
- Examine the extent of the Fall in terms of its impact on economic activity and compare and contrast the theological bases upon which Christians portray opposing economic systems as perpetrators or examples of the Fall
- This section will include a guest lecture on global poverty and the impact of enterprise in the developing world

Weekend Three:

Section E: Redemption (Ezekiel 36, 2 Chronicles 34, Psalm 90, Colossians 3:23, 1 Thessalonians 2)

- Explore Old Testament efforts to redeem work
- Consider the impact of Jesus’ redeeming activity on work in the New Testament
- Consider the role of the Holy Spirit in redeeming work
- Explore the possibilities of redemption for a variety of vocations including: teaching, economics, the Arts...
- Consider what ‘kingdom work’ means in a modern and post-modern context
- Compare and contrast the biblical and/or theological bases upon which Christians understand redemption
- This section will include a guest lecture on Virtuous Business models

Section F: New Creation / Eschatology (Isaiah 65, Revelation 21-22)

- Explore the biblical model for a ‘New Creation’ in the Old and New Testaments and consider evidence of its impact on economic activity
- Imagine the concept of ‘kingdom work’ within an eschatological framework
- Consider the relationship between work / economic activity and one’s theology of ‘faith, hope and love’
- Understand and articulate the biblical or theological basis for differing views on the ‘eschatology of work’