



MONDAY'S CALLING

CURRICULUM OVERVIEW

The Monday's Calling project has been designed to provide a shared, accessible, and localized resource focused around faith and work to be used in congregational contexts through existing bible study, discipleship circle, or small group settings. The hope for participants is to develop:

1. A deeper sense of Christian identity that seeks the glory of God and human dignity;
2. A more robust understanding of vocation and the pursuit of a greater integration of faith and work as whole-life discipleship;
3. A growing recognition of the redemptive value of work in diverse contexts and places of life;
4. A more engaged and impactful church in the marketplace and in all spheres of influence for the common good and flourishing of the city.

CURRICULUM INTRODUCTION

Continue to work out your salvation because it is God who works in us to will and to act to fulfill his good pleasure (Philippians 2:12). These powerful words from the Apostle Paul are very simply an encouragement to believers that, "God works through our work." Beyond what we do when we gather weekly for worship, most believers long to please God and to find purpose during the other waking hours we redeem, whether in the marketplace, in our homes, or in our communities. No matter where we happen to be on the discipleship journey, every calling or vocation we faithfully pursue through the ordinary work that we do and business that we steward remains a meaningful opportunity to live our whole lives for the Lord.

These Monday's Calling sessions were developed as a shared local resource and from a sincere desire to encourage the church of Columbus as we integrate our faith and our work. We invite you to this conversation about how Christ-followers can experience fruitfulness and fulfillment in all that we do with all of our lives.

Session One sets the foundation of Work as God's Design and engages us around the "Who" and the "What" of our work. Session Two considers how we Glorify God through our Work, encouraging us around the "Why" of our work. Finally, Session Three shares how the Gospel Reframes Everything and challenges us practically around the "How" of our work.

Our prayer is that you would be truly inspired, not only as you share together in these next few sessions, but even more in the days ahead with every opportunity God gives for you to be fruitful and fulfilled. In the words of Psalm 90:17, *"May the favor of the Lord our God rest on us and establish the work of our hands for us — yes, establish the work of our hands."*

CURRICULUM COMPONENTS

The Monday's Calling project includes five components:

1. Video Testimonials
2. Core Teaching Podcasts
3. Case Study Scenarios
4. Leader's Guide with Discussion Questions
5. Reflection Handouts
6. Resource Library List

The diversity of video testimonies of believers living and serving in the city who are well-integrating faith and work is an impactful component of the project. With real-life examples, this will also assist Christ-followers to capture and to record their story of whole-life discipleship. Ideally, we would be able to catalogue the stories for a cumulative spiritual biography of our city.

Built on a framework of Creation, Fall, Redemption, and Consummation, the Core Teaching Podcasts are similar to a TED Talk format and represent the primary focus material for the series. Each of the three core lessons presented by local leaders will be about 15–18 minutes in length and are meant to provide content around key Gospel themes to set the biblical, theological, and practical foundation for the project.

The Core Teaching Podcasts are supplemented with Case Study Scenarios and Leader's Guides with Discussion Questions to facilitate continued conversation and learning together. The project also provides a growing compilation and the curation of a resource library of additional books, study series, multimedia materials, related website links, executive summaries, and book reviews written by local leaders, ultimately hosted on the www.ColumbusFaith.work website for congregations to have extended access.