
THE CHURCH'S STORY – LEADING IN COMMUNITIES OF MISSION

HOW TO REACH THE UK: COMMUNITIES IN THE MISSION FIELD, EQUIPPING ON OUR FRONTLINES

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Introduction: Our current context

What are we made for?

*In the Bible's view, 'work'
encompasses the whole range of
& society and which employ the
resources of creation in the cause
of human flourishing*

What is work? Genesis 1:27; 2:15

How does your work contribute to human flourishing?

What's wrong with work? Gen 3:17-19; Prov 3:6-10, 21:25

Gospel distinctives Eph 6:5-9 and note 10-29; Col 3:22-24

Underpinning Foundations - the earth is the Lord's

God is the creator of all, Genesis 1

God is the sustainer of all creation, Hebrews 1:3

Lordship of Christ extends over all creation, Hebrews 1:2

God is the redeemer of Creation saving a people & healing creation, Romans 8:20-25

God has created us as his image bearers to work in his creation on his behalf, Genesis 1&2

God is the judge of all creation, e.g. Psalm 98:9, Romans 2:16, 2Timothy 4:1

Implications

God's active concern embraces everything > special & common grace - provides for everything/everyone

The gospel changes everything > goal of reconciliation is sharing in reign of Christ, as we were made to do

Mission embraces everything > God is reconciling all things to himself

Discipleship embraces everything > must be worked out in every sphere of our lives

Questions for reflection

How might this view of work encourage us as we seek to make disciples on our frontlines?

What are the blessings/positive things about your work?

What are the main challenges for you at work?

What 2 things are you going to do differently to reach out to other workers?

What is the main challenge and/or encouragement that you're going to take from this session?
