



2015 Curricular Integration Workshop

New Testament

As a starting point for thinking about where work and the economy might arise in classes, the table facilitator (John Taylor, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary) provided these “touchpoints”:

Parables about money

The discussion of work in 1 and 2 Thessalonians

New Testament background: the economic world of the New Testament

Early church finances (e.g. 1 Cor 9, 2 Corinthians 8-9)

Wealth and poverty (e.g. in Luke/Acts, James)

Giving, benefaction and patronage

The faculty at the table brainstormed these additional “touchpoints”:

Hermeneutical issues: Not just going from the Bible to life but from life to the Bible; global church perspective

Paul’s tent-making and the right not to work

Persecution and the financial cost of following Christ (e.g. Heb 10:32-34)

Support of the poor in the Jerusalem church

New Testament theological issues: creation/new creation, inheritance, redemption, realized eschatology

Loving your neighbor

Background issue: Roman grain dole

New Testament discussion of widows