

**BEESON DIVINITY SCHOOL
HISTORY AND DOCTRINE
DVHD 722**

BETWEEN SABBATHS: FAITH, WORK AND ECONOMICS FOR THE OTHER SIX DAYS

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TR 9:25-10:40

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COURSE DESCRIPTION:

In this seminar course we shall explore certain key views of faith, work, and economics that have surfaced in the Christian tradition and we shall consider major biblical teaching on this theme, giving consideration especially to Genesis, Exodus, the Prophetic tradition and Luke/Acts.

COURSE OBJECTIVES:

- To encourage students to explore biblical teaching regarding faith, work, and economics.
- To expose students to significant voices and views currently shaping engagement with the issues of faith, work, and economics from a Christian perspective.
- To encourage students to begin developing a Christian posture toward issues related to faith, work and economics and how these might inform and shape preaching, church life, and mission.

COURSE REQUIREMENTS:

- **12 Short Seminar Papers (100 pts) DUE at the START of Class**
- **Biblical/Theological Reflection Paper (100 pts)**

Required Texts:

Timothy Keller, *Every Good Endeavor: Connecting Your Work to Gods Work* (2012)

Michael Novak, *The Spirit of Democratic Capitalism* (1990)

John Schneider, *The Good of Affluence: Seeking God in a Culture of Wealth* (2002)

Suggested Reading:

Ronald J. Sider, *Rich Christians in an Age of Hunger*, 20th Anniversary Revision (Dallas, Word, 1997).

Attendance: Attendance in all classes is both required and expected. Nevertheless, it is sometimes the case that a student will miss class due to circumstances beyond their control. When a student is absent for such a reason, that student must inform the professor as soon as possible and provide whatever documentation the professor requires to support the claim. While there may be multiple reasons for an absence (e.g., illness, medical condition, accident), missions trips and/or any other ministry related opportunities are not considered a sufficient reason to miss class. The professor is not required to allow a student to make up any work missed as a result of an absence.

Standard Grading Scale

94-100 (A)
90-93 (A-)
87-89 (B+)
84-86 (B)
80-83 (B-)
77-79 (C+)
74-76 (C)
70-73 (C-)
67-69 (D+)
64-66 (D)
60-63 (D-)
Below 60 (F)

Disability Statement

Samford University complies with Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act and the Americans with Disabilities Act. Students with disabilities who seek accommodations must make their request by contacting Disability Resources, located in the University Center within the Career Development office, Room 205 (telephone number: 726-4078) or via email at disability@samford.edu. A faculty member will grant reasonable accommodations *only* upon written notification from Disability Resources.

Academic Dishonesty: Plagiarism and Cheating

Plagiarism and cheating are forms of academic dishonesty and are therefore forbidden in all Beeson Divinity School courses. For the full policy (including a description of the sanctions) consult the *Beeson Divinity School Student Handbook*. If you have a question of whether or not something is plagiarism, please consult the professor *before* turning in the assignment.

Incompletes Statement

A grade of “Incomplete” for the semester’s grade is granted only at the discretion of the professor. It is not automatic. Per the *Beeson Bulletin* an Incomplete is given only for an unavoidable absence from a final exam or an excusable failure to complete assignments due to serious illness or family crisis; an Incomplete (INC) grade automatically becomes an F if not removed within one semester after the grade is given. This grade of F may not be challenged. For the policy and procedures for an Incomplete (INC) see the *Beeson Bulletin*.

Computer Statement

Computer Use: At the discretion of the professor, students may use computers in class under the condition that they will use their device only for purposes related to that class. Students may not use their devices for e-mail, social media sites, internet use, games or software that parses Greek and Hebrew. Using these programs or any others that are unrelated to the class is inappropriate and a cause of distraction to other students. The professor maintains the right to discipline any student violating this policy in whatever way he or she sees fit, including expulsion from the class.

Schedule:

Aug 26	Introduction
Aug 28	Between Sabbaths (DeVine)
Sep 2	Between Sabbaths (DeVine)
Sep 4	Schneider, Introduction and Chapter 1, (Paper Due)
Sep 9	Schneider, Chapters 2-3, (Paper Due)
Sep 11	Schneider, Chapters 2-3
Sep 16	Schneider, Chapters 4-5, (Papers Due)
Sep 18	Schneider, Chapters 4-5
Sep 23	Schneider, Chapters 6-7, (Papers Due)
Sep 25	Schneider, Chapters 6-7
Sep 30	Schneider, Chapter 8 and Epilogue, (Papers Due)
Oct 2	Novak, Foreword and Introduction Novak, I-II Novak, III-IV, (Papers Due)
Oct 7	Novak, I-III, (Papers Due)
Oct 9	Novak, I-III
Oct 14	Novak, IV-V, (Papers Due)
Oct 16	Novak, IV-V
Oct 21	Novak, VI-VII, (Papers Due)
Oct 23	Novak, VI-VII
Oct 28	Keller, Foreword, Introduction, Chapter 1-3, (Papers Due)
Oct 30	Keller, Foreword, Introduction, Chapter 1-3
Nov 4	Keller, 4-6, (Papers Due)
Nov 6	Keller, 4-6

Nov 11 **Keller, 7-9, (Papers Due)**

Nov 13 **Keller, 7-9**

Nov 18 **Keller, 10-12, Epilogue, (Papers Due)**

Nov 20 **Keller, 12 and Epilogue**

Dec 2 **Review; Papers**

Dec 9 **Wrap-Up**

Dec 9 **Biblical/Theological Papers Due to Professors Mailbox by 3 pm.**