



2015 Curricular Integration Workshop

Church Leadership

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

Leadership development: all gifts, all sectors of life; we each own our contribution in God’s design for society

Servant leadership: respectfully, sometimes prophetically, serve in the marketplace for the sake of the world

Change & innovation: God is the first entrepreneur; leading change as co-creators yields lasting fruit

Organizational development: budget & buildings, controlling debt, just employment, local investment

Cross-cultural leadership: Structural/systemic barriers to holistic wellbeing weakened by cross-cultural trust

Finance and administration: moving the congregation from fuzzy co-dependence to tangible transformation

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

Helping widows and orphans.

Pastor as public theologian, e.g. writing op eds, blogs, etc.

Pastor with transferable skills e.g. "Get Married Mt. Vernon" that offers premarital counseling for non-believers (resources: prepare-enrich.com, foccusinc.com); non-profit skills applied to for-profit enterprises)

Gift assessment and placement that includes community service organizations (resources: [Idak Talent Discovery Guide](#), [Keirse-Bates](#)).

Include the question: "What is the significance of your work to God?"

Provide biblical themes that help people frame their work in theological terms.

Teach vocation as culture building, an act of shaping work environments (resource: Kent Duncan's Blue Collar Challenge).

Foster generosity, especially at work.

Sensitize people to work idolatry, particularly those for whom work is their only sense of significance.

Develop micro and macro strategies for serving the world at work, church and in mission.