Yet to Come

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Genesis 12:2
I will make you into a great nation, and I will bless you; I will make your name great, and you will be a blessing.

Exodus 19:5–6
Out of all nations you will be my treasured possession... you will be for me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation.

The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to set the oppressed free, to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favour.

Revelation 21:3–4
Look! God’s dwelling place is now among the people, and he will dwell with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God. He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away.
Systems theory and FWI impact

Theological colleges/seminaries

Workplaces: Ordinary Christian Christian-run

Churches

Workplace Christians
Where to from here?

1. Workplace Christians
2. Christian organisations and Christian-owned businesses
3. Churches
4. Theological colleges/Seminaries
Reimagined

Workplace Christians

- Overcoming divided thinking (secular versus sacred)
- Feeling affirmed and equipped
- Envisioning transformed workplaces
- Accessing supportive resources
- Practising redemptive design
Reimagined

Christian organisations/Christian-owned businesses

- Clear on their purpose
- Promoting individual formation of employees
- Reflecting God's character
- Building a life-giving culture
- Stewarding resources well
- Meeting the physical and spiritual needs of employees/clients/suppliers
- Measuring their impact/disciple-making
Reimagined

Churches

- Affirming and equipping for the workplace
- Visiting congregation members in the workplace
- Having a presence in workplaces
- Proactive in utilising the vocational power of congregation
- Mentoring for the workplace
- Developing a vision for vocations across denominations
- Enabling a network of pastors with a passion/skills in this area
- Advocating on behalf of precarious workers, injustice in the workplace etc
Reimagined

Theological colleges

- Promoting whole life discipleship
- Delivering vocational mentoring
- Telling stories of alumni who are workplace Christians
- Providing workplace applications and assessments for all teaching
- Modeling a positive Christian workplace
- Researching and offering public lectures with deeper theological reflection and biblical engagement with all aspects of working life