Systematic Theology

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

- Work in original creation vs. painful toil in the fallen world
- Work as worship, starting in Genesis 2
- Image of God: created to be co-workers with the God who works
- The gospel and justice/work
- The church as 24/7 group of Christians
- Work as loving people (I Thess. 4:9-13)

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

- General revelation as foundation for work/economics as good
- Creation/Redemption continuity discontinuity
- Work *coram Deo* – *imago Dei*
- God the worker and the *imago Dei*
- Atonement toward communal work
- Meaningfulness of drudgeries of work (redeeming Dilbert’s cubicle!)
- Ambition, dissatisfaction, risk taking and shalom, contentment
- Work in city of God vs. city of man
- Soteriology and the redemption of work
- Conflict of flesh/Spirit
- Personal fulfillment vs. community flourishing
Sainthood, sanctity and faithfulness in work and mission
Commonality vs. centrality vs. superiority of pastoral calling
Sacred – secular, holy – profane, holy – common
Are all divinely called to a vocation or job
Church state separation – source/purpose
Gospel work vs. Downton Abby
Eph. 4:11 as equipping for workplace
Pneumatology & Spirit empowered working
Work in the new earth (work/eschatology)
Telos of work