



2015 Curricular Integration Workshop

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