

# Transform your Work Life

*Turn your ordinary day into  
an extraordinary calling*



GRAHAM POWER  
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# Endorsements for

## **Transform Your Work Life:**

### **Turn Your Ordinary Day into an Extraordinary Calling**

Graham Power and Dion Forster have finally brought the role of the marketplace into the prominence it deserves! When you read the Bible, it soon becomes obvious that the focus of the ministry and outreach of Christ was nearly exclusively on the marketplace. If you are looking for the secrets of how to succeed with your faith in your workplace, then ‘Transform your Work Life’ is for you.

*– Dr Bruce Wilkinson, author of **The Prayer of Jabez***

We can never pay enough pastors and missionaries to evangelise the world! It will happen when the rest of us realise the church is not a building to go to, but a vast multitude of people called and commissioned by God to take the good news where we ‘spend most of our time and energy’. This book will turn your world upside down and inspire you to believe God for church to happen where you are! You are about to go on a great adventure!

*– Floyd McClung, **All Nations (Cape Town)***

Graham Power has become a very special friend to me and a man whom I esteem highly when it comes to doing business in a Godly manner. In this day and age, when anything seems to go, it is so good to know that there are still successful businessmen who operate strictly according to God’s principles.

*– Angus Buchan, **Shalom Ministries (Faith like Potatoes and Mighty Men of God)***

Graham Power has a lifestyle that corresponds with what he preaches. Millions have been impacted through the Global Day of Prayer, which came into existence through a vision God gave him. I believe that the way in which Graham has turned his workplace into a sanctuary by living Biblical principles in business will inspire many more to live a godly life!

*– Rev Elza Meyer, Founder of Turn to God (T2G) Movement and minister at Moreletapark Congregation*

At long last we have a book that affirms our daily workplace as a primary place for us to live out our faith. Few people are better placed and more equipped to show us the way than Dion Forster and Graham Power. I pray that this book will enable many individuals the world over to see their work as a means of dignity, love and provision, both for themselves and their neighbour.

*– Rev Trevor Hudson, South African Pastor and Author*

For many centuries there has been an unfortunate separation in the minds of Christians between calling and vocation. In the last twenty years this has changed dramatically. Millions of Christians, pastors and people in the workplace, are discovering that their vocation gives them a mission field where they can and must live out their calling. The most remarkable stories of kingdom advances are being reported where Christians in the workplace begin to grasp this and act on it. Graham is one of the forerunners of this stream of Christians in the marketplace. He demonstrates this in his

business and daily life with great effect. I encourage you to read this book with a pen and paper in hand, listen to what the Holy Spirit says to you and ‘go and do likewise.’

– ***Dr Bennie Mostert, Prayer Mobilizer (Jericho Walls International / 24/7)***

People often ask, “What is my calling?”. The answer is partly simple: the majority of us are called to the marketplace. The interwoven stories of Graham and Dion will encourage you to make your occupation your vocation, your job a ‘*beroepe*’, in the true sense of the word. I highly commend these good friends to you; read their story so that your heart will be encouraged, your mind renewed, and your spirit emboldened. God, being a lawyer, understands legal precedent, so what he has done for them he can do for you and me if we walk in similar obedience. Make their story a springboard for your story. ‘But, he is successful and if I had his money I could also serve God,’ you may say. Don’t ask for money like Graham – ask for humility like Graham. Don’t ask for a ministry like Dion’s, but minister with all that you have, right where you are. Don’t wait for one great thing to do, but take the next step of obedience. I am delighted that Graham and Dion are challenging us to integrate our work and faith so that we can be a part of the extraordinary company of ordinary marketplace people who are extending the kingdom through daily business.

– ***Brett Johnson – President, The Institute for Innovation, Integration & Impact, Saratoga, California***

‘Take the Church to the people and the Gospel to the world.’ This is the cry of our time as voiced by Graham Power and Dion Forster in this very practical book. Brave individuals, like Graham, are needed to make these new roads of Transformative Life into the Monday to Saturday world. This

book will certainly develop a better Kingdom mindset in all who read it.

*– Rev Cassie Carstens, Founder of three leadership training initiatives that have trained leaders from more than a hundred countries*

Graham Power is a man whose personal experience transformed his life, the lives of his workers, the lives of his close associates and now the world. I admire him and continue to learn from his wisdom. Now with this book many will be empowered to accomplish all God has prepared for them.

*– Al Caperna, CEO CMC Group; Director call2all business track*

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# Foreword

God has been speaking eloquently and repeatedly to the church about his heart for, and his upcoming move in, the marketplace. Dr Billy Graham, one of the most respected leaders and surely the most perceptive modern evangelist, has stated that God's next move will be in the marketplace. His statement is consistent with the words spoken by the prophet Joel and quoted by Peter when he preached the first sermon of the Church Age in Acts 2. God's Spirit will be poured out on all people (see Acts 2:17, NIV), clearly implying that the end-time revival will happen in the marketplace since that is where most of 'all people' reside.

This book is co-authored by two of God's choicest gifts to the church and to the world – Graham Power and Dion Forster. It reflects 'what the Spirit is saying to the churches in this day and age'. Consequently, those who have ears are instructed to hear.

Many people have written on the subject of marketplace ministry and Dion and Graham are quick and gracious to acknowledge that they stand on the shoulders of early pioneers. But there are at least two important elements that make the content of this book unique: Firstly, it is the collaborative work of a pulpit and a marketplace minister who have and will continue to share in the trenches in God's kingdom. Their placement in those different, yet complementary arenas enables them to present God's message in well-balanced stereo. Secondly, it is the result of sound implementation of Biblical principles. It is not theoretical, but practical; fully sustained by experience that serves as an example for others to follow. Graham and Dion's stories are extraordinary, but they are rooted in ordinary, everyday situations, making the challenge and the instruction appealing and accessible to everyone.

As someone who has devoted his life to seeing transformation come to cities and nations, I welcome this book and highly and enthusiastically recommend it to anyone with a burden to see our world become a better place as God's will in heaven begins to be reflected on earth.

*Ed Silvano*

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Do not let your occupation block your destiny;  
instead, allow your destiny to shape your business  
by turning it into your ministry.

– Ed Siloso



For we are God's workmanship, created in  
Christ Jesus to do good works, which God  
prepared in advance for us to do.

– Ephesians 2:10

# 1

## The Big Question

**W**hen you commit your life to the Lord, you will undoubtedly be challenged by what I call ‘The Big Question’. How you answer this question will be a decision that can transform your life for ever.

Fairly soon after Graham committed his life, his family and his business to the Lord he also came up against this question:

### What Should I Spend the Rest of My Life Doing?

This is a critical question and it probably is the most important question that anyone can ever ask! You see, the Bible tells us that God meticulously and carefully creates us for a purpose – you have a particular divine design that shapes your life’s purpose and destiny. Paul tells the Christians in Ephesus that they are ‘... God’s workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for them to do’ (Eph 2:10). The Greek word ‘created’ (*poiema*), which is used in this verse, refers to the process of carefully designing and constructing something for a very particular purpose. So few people realise that, because they were very carefully constructed for a purpose, they will never be able to fully honour their Creator, or find inner peace, until they do what they were designed for!

After Graham was saved his greatest desire was to honour God with his whole life. In the 1995 movie *Braveheart* William Wallace (played by Mel Gibson) says the following challenging line: ‘Every man dies; not every man really lives.’ Graham is the kind of person who gives his all! I soon came to realise that he really wanted to *live* for Jesus, but he was unsure of how to do that. And so, as many other business people have done over the years, he approached me, his pastor, for some guidance and insight.

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We decided to take a two-day retreat at one of Graham’s holiday homes at the Breede River to pray, talk and read the scriptures together. One night, as we sat next to the fire, I remember Graham asking me something like, ‘If I truly love Jesus and want to serve Him, does it mean that I must give up my job and become a pastor?’ He was seriously considering entering ‘full-time ministry’, and the only model he knew was the model that he saw in church on Sundays – pastoral ministry.

Well, as we prayed and talked it became abundantly clear that God was calling him into ministry! However, it also became clear that God was not calling him to become a pastor; rather He was calling him to a very different kind of ministry, one much better suited to his life’s journey and his ‘divine design’!

## A Businessman’s Realisation ...

The question: ‘Should I become a pastor?’ is a very common one for people who love Jesus sincerely. Most Christians’ understanding of ministry is shaped by what they experience in church and see in the media. In these

arenas pastors, priests and ministers are our most visible and active ministry role models. Just consider that the majority of sermons that we hear come from pastors. These dedicated and committed full-time church workers champion so much of the church's life and work, not to mention that most of us have come to respect our pastor's faith and knowledge of the Bible. The result of this is that many people assume that if you *really* love God and want to serve Him you must become a pastor of a church.

Of course it does not help that most of our churches reinforce this perception. If we were honest we would have to admit that there are very few churches that equip their members for ministry in their workplace; rather we encourage them to serve almost exclusively within the life of the local congregation. If you are a teacher the church will get you teaching Sunday school, if you are an accountant then surely you must be involved in running the church's finances ...

The outcome of this perspective on ministry is that most Christians never even consider that their most significant ministry opportunity may be in the place where they spend most of their week – their workplace! Moreover, rather than you having to learn a completely new set of skills for ministry, God may just want to use what you already know, and already do well, to serve his kingdom. I often tell people that God does not waste experience!

For the majority of people who read this book the answer to the question, 'Should I become a pastor?' is probably, 'No'. It is far more likely that God wants to use your gifts, abilities, network of relationships and life's experience outside of your local congregation in the place where you work.

So, at the end of our two-day retreat Graham and I both knew that God had *designed* him for a truly significant ministry that would reach far beyond the walls of our local church. But like most good things it took some work to figure out what that meant.

## Onto the Pulpit or Into the World? A Pastor's Confession ...

When Graham turned to me for guidance and insight while wrestling with 'The Big Question' in his life, something else happened. Without Graham realising it at the time, just by asking this question and turning to me for guidance, the Lord had already started to use him to start a process of change within me that would transform my ministry as well. Graham's quest became a catalyst that would take me on a new path.

Let me ask you a question – what would you do if the most successful businessman in your city were saved and was a member of your church? I've asked many pastors and church leaders this question over the years and the answers they gave are surprisingly similar! Most of them have said something along the lines of, 'Dion, you should use his gifts within the ministry of your church to grow the church!'

On that wonderful Sunday morning in 1999 when Graham came to speak to me after a service and told me, 'Dion, I've given my life to Jesus! What does God want me to do?' I faced one of the greatest temptations I had ever faced in my ministry! You see, every pastor longs to grow a strong, faithful and effective church! My desire was no different. We were in the midst of an incredible growth phase in our congregation's life! Because of some new real estate development in our area many families were moving into our neighbourhood and our church was abuzz with activity! Our programmes, our staff and our membership were growing at a rapid rate. In fact, our main service was getting so full that we had to carry in extra chairs and put people in the adjacent halls just to fit them all into worship! If the truth be told, I was a little out of my depth, I didn't quite know how to manage the increasing demands associated with our church's growth. It was in this situation that Graham asked me 'What does God want me to do?' Wow, what a temptation!

I went home that morning and said to my wife, Megan, ‘God has answered our prayers! He has saved Graham! I’m going to invite him to serve on our leadership team and our finance committee.’ Just think about it – Graham had been blessed with an incredible acumen for growing organisations. His companies, the Power Group of companies, were among the fastest growing companies in their industry. He is wealthy, successful and an incredible leader. Not only could he help us to grow our church, but he could probably help us to raise the necessary finances we needed to expand our buildings and staff.

Thankfully, God did not allow that to happen! I soon realised that if I had brought Graham onto my leadership team he may have tried his best to add value for a few months, but he would eventually have moved on, perhaps even feeling frustrated and unfulfilled.

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You see, like most Christians, Graham was not designed for church leadership, he was actually designed for another type of ministry – ministry in the marketplace.

It is on this very point that the church, and Christians, often go wrong – in our sincere desire to honour God and put gifted people to use in ministry, we allow the good to trip up the great. The simple truth is that while God intended every Christian to be a minister, God never intended every Christian to be a pastor!

And so, I thank God that He directed Graham to follow his true calling, to live according to his design and to have the courage and commitment to work out what it means to serve Jesus according to his unique design

(see Ephesians 2:10). Graham had acquired years of experience in the marketplace, he had a significant network of relationships and his abilities, his passion and his gifts were all designed so that God could use him in his company and his industry (see 1 Corinthians 12:7–10).

When you operate according to your design God can truly use you!

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He planned it to do!*

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There is always a wonderful consequence to being obedient to God's call and fitting in with God's 'divine design' for your life. When Graham started living his whole life, including his business life, as an obedient act of worship to God some remarkable miracles began to take place! Moreover, there are some personal rewards; the first reward is the peace of knowing that he is learning to do obediently what God had intended for his life. The second great reward is seeing how God uses the aspects of his 'divine design' to transform his life and the lives of others. In a later section of this book we will tell you how Graham's business has become his ministry and share some of the wonderful testimonies of how God has used him and his company to bring about amazing transformations in the marketplace.

Just like every great designer, inventor and engineer, God rejoices to see his creation doing what He planned it to do! God wants to invest even more of his creative love and power in your life. All that you need to do is work out what God made you for. Then start doing that with passion, commitment and intention, and watch how God does the rest!

Remember that you were carefully and deliberately designed and created

to be used by God for ministry – it is very likely that God wants to work in you and through you where you spend most of your day!

### Points to Ponder

- ◇ You have a ‘divine design’ (see Ephesians 2:10). Do you know what your ‘divine design’ is? If you do not know what your ‘divine design’ is, please take some time to pray about and discover the following:
  - » *Spiritual Gifts* (see 1 Cor 12:7–10). The nine spiritual gifts (also called the charismatic gifts) listed in 1 Corinthians 12 are wisdom, knowledge, discerning of spirits (human, angelic, demonic), speaking in tongues, interpretation of tongues, prophecy, faith, working of miracles and healing. For example, the Lord has blessed Graham with the gift of leadership. This means that he can rely on God to use him to lead people and systems in his work life, sometimes stretching himself a little beyond his own ability, because he knows that through this spiritual gift God will use him to bring about transformation and blessing!
  - » *Your Passions*. When God created you He gave you certain preferences. Some people long for a challenge, while others have a passion to bring calm and peace. Some people love business, while others are energised by sports. The things that you are passionate about give you energy. God wants to harness that energy and passion for his kingdom. What are you passionate about?
  - » *Your Unique Abilities*. There are some things that you can do uniquely well, better than anyone else. Graham has a wonderful capacity to do business well. He can see opportunities; he has the courage and appetite for risk to take things on that others would shy away from. Because he understands his abilities and has given them over to God, they become useful tools in God’s kingdom.

Just think about this – it was Graham’s ability to take risks and his acquired skill to organise people and systems that allowed him to call the Christians of Cape Town together for the first Global Day of Prayer event at Newlands Rugby stadium in 2001 (on that day 45 000 Christians gathered for a day of repentance and prayer – now every country on earth participates in the Global Day of Prayer, an estimated 350 million people). God wants to use your unique abilities for the sake of his kingdom.

- » *Your Unique Personality Type.* What kind of person are you? Are you an extrovert or an introvert? Do you love people? Do you love cities or the great outdoors? Your personality is a gift from God. It will shape who you are and what God wants you to do.
  - » *Life’s Experience.* This is a very interesting one – Graham frequently tells how growing up in humble circumstances gave him the desire and drive for success in business. When he was saved he could turn that into a gift for God by making the move from success to significance! Frequently our best and worst life experiences make us uniquely qualified to be used by God. The loss of a loved one gives you tremendous empathy for others in that situation. The struggle of losing a business helps you offer comfort and hope to people who are facing that situation. If you look at your unique design, how have you been moulded and shaped by what you’ve been through? Remember that God can, and wants to use your life’s experience to minister to others!
- ◇ You will never give your Creator glory, or find personal peace, until you do what you were created for. The most important question you can ask as a Christian is, ‘What does God want me to do with the rest of my life?’ How and where can you use your ‘divine design’ to bring God glory and find personal fulfilment? Like Graham, it is fairly likely that

God will want to use you where you are. God never wastes precious relationships or developed skills and always remember that God has a perfect will and desire for every person and every place on earth (even the people you work with). So, what does God want you to do with the rest of your life?

- ◇ When you come to realise that you are already gifted, qualified and uniquely placed for ministry your life can be transformed! Moreover, when you start living out your 'divine design' the lives of those around you will also be touched and transformed. Make the choice today to discover how to spend the rest of your life doing what God designed you to do.

### Questions for Group Discussion

- ◇ Can you list your three primary spiritual gifts in order of importance? If you are not able to do so, it is important that you commit to discovering and developing your spiritual gifts. The use of these gifts will shape your destiny.
- ◇ Please read Ephesians 2:10. If you are in a group setting take some time to reflect upon the gifts, abilities, and purpose the *other* members of the group may have. Sometimes you can see something about a person that they may not be able to see about themselves. Try to find one unique purpose for which God has created each member of your group. Share this purpose with them and commit to pray for them as they seek to develop this purpose.
- ◇ If you were given enough money to survive comfortably, what would you choose to do with your life in order to honour God and find personal fulfilment? Is there any way that you can plan to work towards fulfilling that passion?
- ◇ Please read Psalm 90:12. Your life is a precious gift. You only have one

life to live. What changes do you need to make in order to honour God with what remains of your life?

- ◇ Please pray for one another, asking God to give you wisdom to choose how best to spend the remainder of your life in order to honour God, bless others, and find personal peace.

Most Christians who on Sundays worship God to the tune of inspiring music fail to see that what they do during the week is also meant by God to be worship.

– Ed Silvano



Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for men, since you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward.

– Colossians 3:23–24

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# Why should I take Jesus to Work?

**R**ecently I was speaking to a friend about his work. I could see that he was frustrated and worn out and I had been trying to encourage him to see how God could use him just where he was. Somewhere along the line of our conversation he said, 'I live for the weekend! I dread going to work on Monday and when I'm at work I count the hours until Friday. If I didn't need the money I would have stopped working.' As I was driving back to my office later that morning, I thought, 'How sad that he is wishing away most of his life! Surely there must be something more meaningful to your work life than just hanging in there for a pay cheque!'

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I'm sure that there are many people who live for the weekend and many more who simply work because they need the money! The good news is that you don't have to wish most of your life away. God has a wonderful plan to make what you do from Monday to Friday one of the most fulfilling and exhilarating parts of your week.

## All you Need is a Different Perspective ...

Over the years Graham and I have spoken to many deeply-committed Christians who have never considered that God may actually have something for them to achieve between Monday and Friday. We tend to place our lives into two boxes, a sacred box (everything we do for God), and a secular box (everything else we do). Very often business people think of their ‘God stuff’ as worship – and worship only happens in certain places (like church buildings) at certain times (like on a Sunday, or on Christmas and Easter). Everything else is simply ‘my stuff’ and it has very little to do with my worship. So, my work, my friendships, my community relationships, my sport – all of these ‘other things’ are outside of the sacred. The reality is that everything that we have, all that we are, and all that we do should be done for God.

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From God’s perspective there is no separation between work and worship. I once heard someone explain it in this way – imagine that you have a ‘big worship switch’ on your back. Each time that you enter into worship the switch is flicked on. Do think that God is honoured when your ‘worship switch’ is flicked off? Surely we should never stop worshipping God – even at work.

God has a perfect will for every person, for every situation and every place. When you begin to look at your workplace and the people that you work with from God’s perspective you can see that He may just have an incredible

mission for you to perform right where you are from Monday to Friday.

Paul instructed the Christians in the Colossian church saying, ‘Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for men, since you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward’ (Col 3:23–24).

## Work as Worship

One of the first lessons that we need to learn is what Christian worship truly means. True Christian worship is so much more than just singing songs and praying with other Christians in church on Sunday. The word ‘worship’ comes from an old English word ‘worth-ship’, which had the meaning of recognising or ascribing worth to someone or something i.e., a person of Godly wisdom and authority may be worthy of respect. When we worship we are acknowledging that God is worthy of special attention, obedience and of our sacrifice and love. Worship can of course be something as wonderful as a heartfelt prayer of adoration or song of praise, but it can also be as simple as making a choice in favour of God’s will over your own. When you are faced with a choice between doing something in accordance with God’s loving will, or choosing your own will, it is an opportunity for worship. If you choose to do what God wants you to do you are declaring that God’s will is worth more than your will – that is worship.

This is what Paul was saying when he wrote, ‘Therefore, I urge you, brothers, in view of God’s mercy, to *offer your bodies* as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God – *this is your spiritual act of worship*’ (Rom 12:1). You can worship God with every choice you make, in every relationship you engage in, in every meeting, with every client – in short, you can use every moment of every day to worship God!

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*If Jesus had your job, how do you think He would approach the tasks and the people you encounter every day?*

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You can be certain that God wants to bless the people that you work with. He also has a perfect will for the business within which you work. Maybe God wants to use you to influence the values of your employer, or to lovingly transform the business practises of your industry. If Jesus had your job, how do you think He would approach the tasks and the people you encounter every day?

## The Courage to Take Responsibility!

Graham felt a strong sense of calling to begin to challenge business people to worship God through their business lives by committing themselves to Godly values, ethics and clean living. (You can read more about this challenge in the final chapter of this book.) It was as clear as daylight! God is not pleased by dishonest gain. Proverbs 11:1 says, 'The Lord abhors dishonest scales, but accurate weights are his delight.' So, Graham started by getting his own house in order – the domain over which God had given him authority had to become 'unashamedly ethical'. One morning in 1999 he called together all of the directors of the Power Group and informed them that they had to find and root out all dishonest practises in the company – naturally some of them were concerned. They asked how the company would be able to compete, and how they would win contracts. Over the last ten years God has shown how his ways are more worthy than corrupt ways! The Power Group has not only continued to do business according to Godly values and ethical practises, they have grown in these tough economic times.

## Marketplace Missionaries

Graham had realised that by ‘taking Jesus to work’ with him, he had transformed Monday to Friday into an act of sustained worship – the worship switch stayed on. Moreover, his work life had suddenly taken on a whole new meaning. As he sought God’s guidance, direction and help to impact people and systems with the Gospel, he was partnering God in mission.

Of course the great news is that God has promised to empower us and to remain with us always – we will never be forsaken or left alone when we are doing his will (Matthew 28:20). When you see the marketplace as a mission field into which God is sending you, everything changes. Meetings become an opportunity to share blessings and bring God’s will to bear. Co-workers and clients are the people that God is sending you to love and serve. Every obstacle and challenge becomes an opportunity for God to show his power and grace – creating testimonies out of trials.

### Points to Ponder

I encourage Christians to do a few simple things in order to take Jesus to work with them.

- ◇ *Acknowledge* that God wants to be worshipped every moment of every day (that includes Monday to Friday).
- ◇ *Commit* your work life to God in prayer. Just like a pastor would pray to the Lord asking for wisdom, guidance and insight to minister to his or her congregation, you should pray about your workplace and the people you encounter in your work life. Ask God to show you what He wants you to achieve and do during those precious hours when you are at work.
- ◇ *Take responsibility* for the favour and influence that God has given you

and use every opportunity to bring God's will to bear on your sphere of influence. Whether you are a business owner, a manager, or someone who works directly with customers, makes little difference to God! Remember that Paul said, 'Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord ...' (Col 3:23). God has used people in humble positions in our company to achieve some of the most amazing breakthroughs for his kingdom!

- ◇ *Be intentional* about including Jesus in your work life. You can start by asking a few basic questions:
  - » If Jesus were doing my work, how would He do it differently?
  - » If Jesus were working among the people that I come into contact with, how would He treat them?
  - » If Jesus had faced the challenges that I face in my workplace, how would He have dealt with them?
- ◇ *Be practical* in making Jesus' presence felt in your workplace and through your work life. I follow a simple little discipline at the start of each week. On a Sunday evening after my children are asleep I take my appointment book and look through all of the meetings, tasks and to-do items that I will have to deal with. I go through each day slowly and I pray about the people, decisions and challenges and ask God to give me guidance, wisdom, insight and love to face them as Jesus would. It is amazing what a difference this little spiritual discipline makes to my week! God lovingly prepares me to face difficult people with grace. He frequently shows me solutions to complex problems and often instructs me to do a simple little thing in order to show his love to someone that I will meet during the week (whether it is blessing them with a little card, or buying them a book to read, or simply offering them some praise or encouragement for work well done).

How can you transform your work life into worship? What can you do to make Jesus' presence visible and real in your decisions and relationships from Monday to Friday? Remember that God deserves to be worshipped every moment of every day and you have an opportunity to ascribe great worth to Him for much more than just one hour on a Sunday!

### Questions for Group Discussion

- ◇ Please read Colossians 3:23–24.
- ◇ What is God's attitude to work and labour?
- ◇ If Jesus had your job, working among the people you work with, doing the things you do during your workday, what do you think He would want to achieve? How different is that from what you are striving for?
- ◇ Give some practical and creative examples of how you can use your talents, abilities, attitude and effort to honour Jesus in your work life.
- ◇ Is there any particularly challenging element of your work life for which you need prayer? Please pray for one another and invite Jesus to help each of the members of your group to do their work as an act of worship. Also, please invite Jesus to work in you and through you to begin to bless the people you work with and transform the structures you work in each day.

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