

Church on Sunday, Work on Monday: The Challenge of Fusing Christian Values with Business Life

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Basic Premises

“...the [Christian] church fails to enhance the business community’s ability to engage with the sacred as it conducts its daily business” (p. xxvi).

“...the church should help businesspeople develop a process for personally engaging their faith in the management arena” (p. xix).

“The Church could be one of the strongest resources we have for leading a balanced and effective business life. In most cases, it is not” (p. xix).

Offers a graphic map or framework of the traditional functions and roles of both business and church showing areas of interaction and potential interaction and integration.

Extended discussion of different languages used by church and business and how that leads to “turf wars” and separation.

Based on the graphic framework, offers suggestions on how church and business can work together for the benefit of the spiritual life of business people.

For small group discussions

The authors have provided personal reflection questions and action suggestions at the end of each chapter. Additionally, for more in depth and small group discussions, they have published a discussion guide: *Church on Sunday, Work on Monday: The Challenge of Fusing Christian Values with Business Life: A Guide to Reflection* by Laura Nash, Scotty McLennan with Naomi Lucks.

Part One of the Guide offers helpful advice on forming and running a discussion group including a set of checklists (Forming a Group, Initial Planning Meeting, and Structure of Meetings One Through Nine). Part Two of the Guide offers review points, reflection questions, discussion questions, action suggestions, and starting points suitable for small groups on a chapter by chapter basis.

Another set of reflection questions is provided in a separate file on the www.livingfaithatwork.org website.

Chapter titles

- Ch. 1 Spirituality Goes to Work, the Church Stays Away: Religious Disconnects in American Business Lives
- Ch. 2 Between Worlds: Attempts to Integrate Religion and Business
- Ch. 3 Not Our Modus Operandi: The Church’s Response to Business
- Ch. 4 Testing the Relationship: Mapping a Framework for Integrating Church and Business
- Ch. 5 You Just Don’t Understand: Communication Gaps Between Church and Business
- Ch. 6 Turf Wars: Overcoming Negative Stereotypes and Notions of Proper Roles
- Ch. 7 Different Voices: The Problem of Language and Pluralism
- Ch. 8 The New Terms of Religious Engagement: How Church and Business Can Work Together
- Ch. 9 The Road Ahead