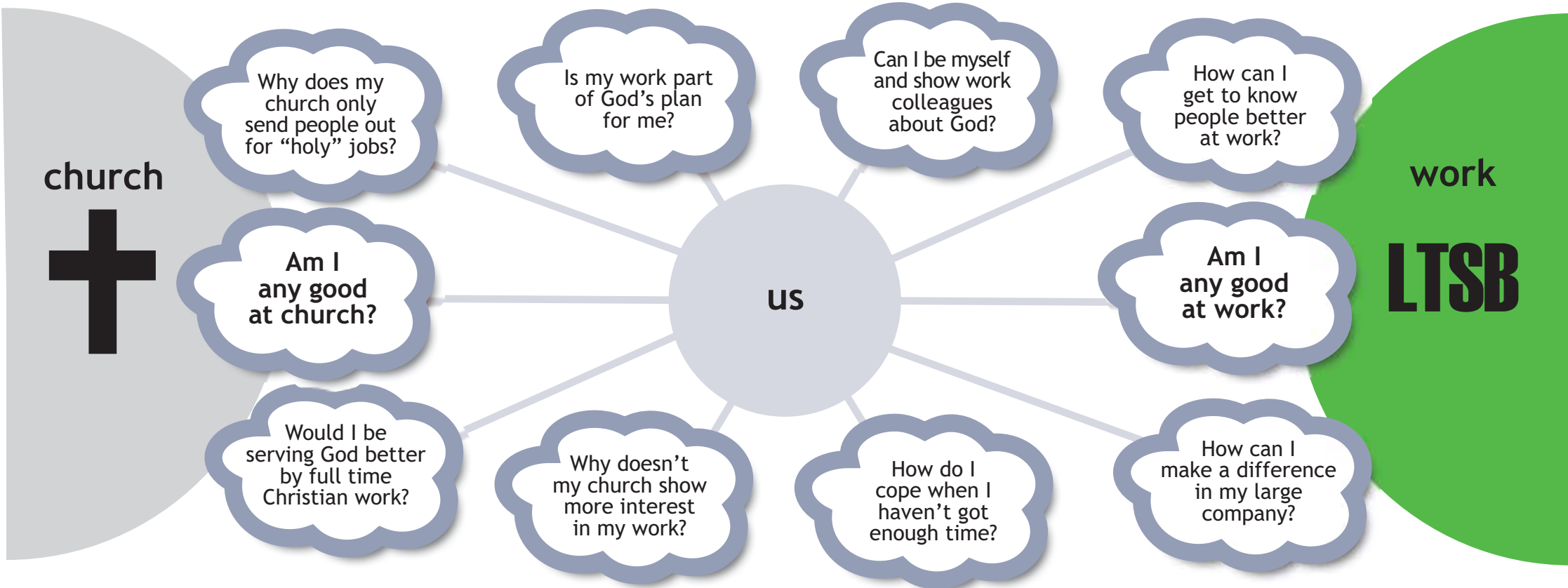


Is there a church/work divide?



We set up "Mission to Work" at Pip'n'Jay, a city centre church surrounded by thousands of workers, because we had lots of questions like these, and we wanted to work out ways to bridge the church/work divide.

It is intended to be a support structure for workers so they are seen (and see themselves) as missionaries, called by God to use their God-given talents in a variety of jobs, a very important part of our mission given the time we spend working.

This course (still in beta testing) is the orientation for workers, in preparation for being sent out as missionaries by the church.

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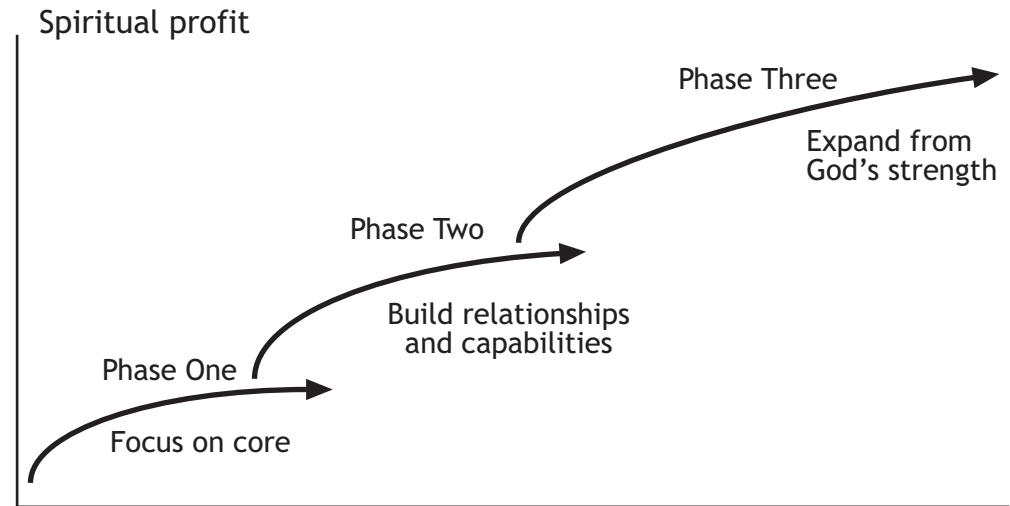
Notes for Week 1 - Our God and our goals

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Some familiar ground? From presentation given by Eric Daniels, Group Chief Executive, 24 Feb 2006



The plan for "Mission to Work" is similar! Is it like God's plan for us?



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| <p>1. God and us
God changes our lives
We put God first
God starts our growth</p> | <p>2. Us and others
Deepen relationships
Build ability to serve
Our growth accelerates</p> | <p>3. God and others
Others see God is real
God gets praise and glory
The church grows</p> |
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1 Mark 12:30 - the most important commandment:
"Love the Lord your God with all your heart"

- Week 1 - Our God and our goals
- Week 2 - Who are you, and what do you do?
- Week 4 - The fruit of the spirit
- Week 5 - What does God want us to do?

Half of "Mission to Work" is about our core relationship with God. Without this we can't work in God's effective way.

2 Mark 12:31 - the second commandment:
"Love your neighbour as yourself"

- Week 3 - What difference do we make?
- Week 6 - Building relationships
- Week 7 - What is great service?

We also look at our relationships with people we work with. The quality of our work and our relationships reveals our character, and if God has changed this, then God becomes visible.

3 John 7:18 - directing people to God
"He who seeks the glory of the one who sent him is a man of truth"

Week 8 - Credit where it's due

"Mission to Work" is not primarily about evangelism, but being changed by God and letting people see this within loving relationships will present a natural question: how did this happen? If we're good at crediting our sources, people can know God.



Warning! God does what God wants when God wants!

He doesn't fit into our neat plans, but expects us to fit into his, which often surprise us! So we can't predict what God will do, but we can learn to see what he does with us...



God at work!

Acts 2:19 - "I will show wonders in the heaven above and signs on the earth below"



We're looking for **SIGNS** - things you see God doing during your work day at Lloyds TSB. For example, spiritual fruit or answers to prayer.



and **WONDERS** - things which give you awe and may prompt more questions than answers. God wants us to ask more and deepen our relationship with him.



How do I know God is working here? What is he doing?

Scripture for inspiration - Genesis (especially chapters 1-3)

We'll look at some passages - jot down your ideas before looking at the "cheat sheet" over the page!

We can consider who God is...

...and what God has done...

So what is he doing here?



How do I know God is working here? What is he doing?

A few thoughts - hopefully you have lots more to add! These should help us spot where God is at work in us and in Lloyds TSB. Don't forget to email what you've spotted to work@missiontowork.com

We can consider who God is...

Creator

Creative

Careful craftsman

Categoriser / organiser

CEO

Consultant & Communicator

Caterer

Collaborator

Chairman

Conciliator

...and what God has done...

Genesis 1 - Made the universe, including us!
Made our surroundings and resources
Made people in his own image

Genesis 1 - Made the world produce a rich variety of life, landscape, colour, taste, etc etc

Genesis 1 - "And God saw that it was good"
Checked the quality of his work at every stage

Genesis 1 - An organised process is described with order, separation and planned purposes

Genesis 1-2 - Leads but delegated power, providing structure, resources, tasks, expectations, boundaries and (by example) holiday policy

Genesis 1-3 - God put himself close to people and offered wise advice, clear instruction on what (and what not) to do, and took time to check

Genesis 2 - Supplied everything people needed for life and work, from materials to other people

Genesis 2:19 - Brought creatures to Adam for him to decide their names

Genesis 3 - Took decisive action to resolve conflict and clear a way forward for progress

Later - provided a way back to a full, close relationship and functional life through Jesus

So what is he doing here?

Everything and everyone in our offices originates from God, and our character should remind people of God (his image)

Feeding our imaginations and senses - God is the ultimate creative type

Caring about our quality of life and surroundings, attentive to details

We are part of a plan, with a purpose, as are the people around us

Our work, as Adam's and Eve's was, is ultimately God-given and under his authority - part of our purpose

We have instructions in the Bible, and prayer to keep in contact with a close, available God - this can be very useful at work!

The opportunities we have to get to know other people at work come from God

God brings us choices and lets us take responsibility for what we decide

Application of God's word, prayer and accepting Jesus' covenant moves us forward

God is at work in transforming Jesus' disciples using the holy spirit, all day every day



What is our response to God's work with us?
What are we aiming for?

What has work asked me to aim for?

What are my personal aims? (and how does work help?)

Here are the aims of "Mission to Work" for me

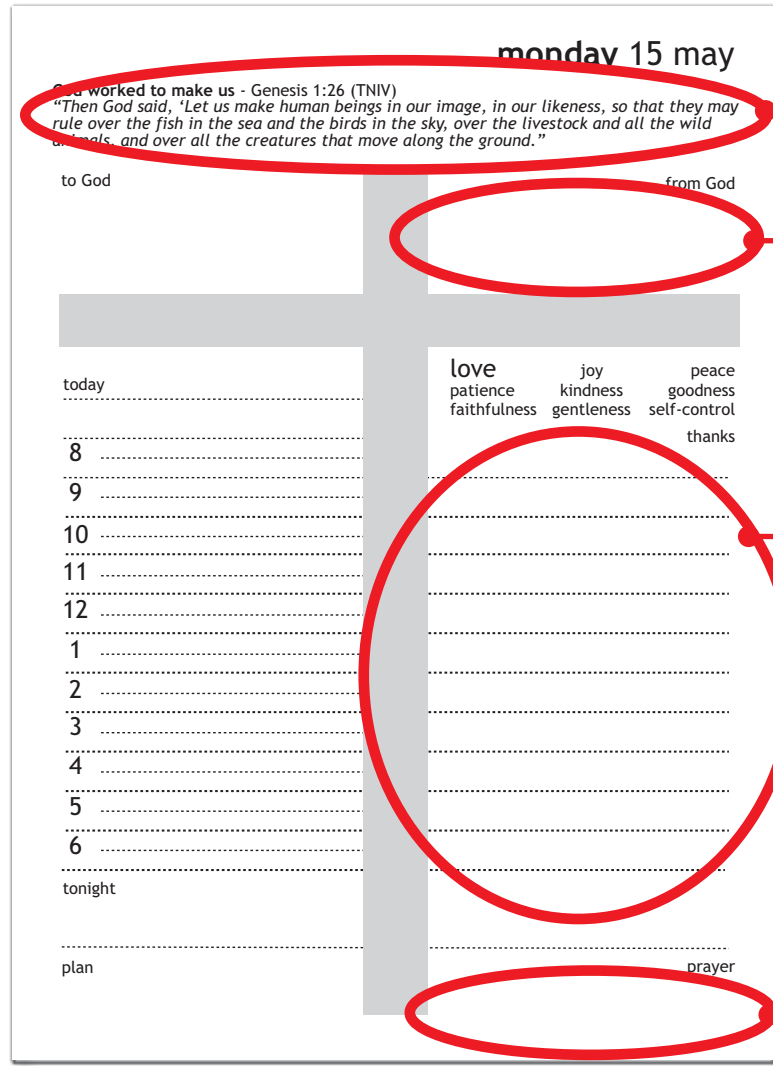
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1 Peter 4:11

What do I want to get from "Mission to Work"?

A tool to help spot God at work and build our relationship with him through the day

Mission to Work “Day Notes”



monday 15 may

God worked to make us - Genesis 1:26 (TNIV)
“Then God said, ‘Let us make human beings in our image, in our likeness, so that they may rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky, over the livestock and all the wild animals, and over all the creatures that move along the ground.’”

to God from God

space to record God’s guidance

today

love joy peace
patience kindness goodness
faithfulness gentleness self-control
thanks

8
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12
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tonight

plan prayer

your notes about things to thank God for today

space to note what we need to pray about, alone or with others

These Mission to Work “Day Notes” contain scripture themed to complement the “Mission to Work” course at Lloyds TSB.

They are available as a free download from www.missiontowork.com

Don't forget to e-mail your reports of how you see God working to work@missiontowork.com