

BS1006W Calling and Vocation in Life, Work and Ministry

Offered: 2018: Semester 1 – 2 (unit runs for whole year)
(delivered in combination with DS2012W under the NEXT² program)

Engaging with a breadth of biblical and theological sources, students will develop their perspectives upon vocation and calling within the contexts of creation, culture, and God's action in the world. In like manner, students will consider the domains in which vocation is expressed – including work, home, community, family, and leisure.

Upon successful completion of this unit, it is expected that students will be able to:

1. Critically engage with key Bible texts as well as classical and contemporary theological perspectives pertaining to calling and vocation.
2. Critically examine perspectives of work and human activity in the contexts of creation, culture and God's actions in the world.
3. Articulate a biblically and theologically-informed understanding of calling and vocation in relation to the domains considered

Prerequisites: Nil

Prohibited combination: DA1001W Living the Faith

Class Time: Three hours per week (for whole year, in conjunction with DS2012W)

Assessment:	One tutorial paper (1,000 words)	(25%)
	One interview report (500 words)	(15%)
	Essay (2,500 words)	(60%)

Faculty: Joel McKerrow

Recommended Reading:

* = set texts recommended for purchase

Banks, R. *God the Worker: Journeys into the Mind, Heart, and Imagination of God*. Valley Forge, PA: Judson. 1994.

Cosden, D. *The Heavenly Good of Earthly Work*. Ada MI: Baker, 2006.

Jensen, D.H. *Responsive Labor: A Theology of Work*. Louisville KY: Westminster John Knox Press. 2006.

Palmer, Parker J. *Let Your Life Speak: Listening for the Voice of Vocation*. San Francisco, CA: Jossey-Bass. 2000.

Placher, William C. *Callings: Twenty Centuries of Christian Wisdom on Vocation*. Grand Rapids, MI: Wm. B. Eerdmans. 2005.

Schuurman, Douglas J. *Vocation: Discerning Our Callings in Life*. Grand Rapids, MI: Wm. B. Eerdmans. 2003.

Sherman, Amy L. *Kingdom Calling: Vocational Stewardship for the Common Good*. Downers Grove, IL: InterVarsity Press, 2011

Stevens, R. Paul. *Work Matters: Lessons from Scripture*. Grand Rapids, MI: Wm. B. Eerdmans. 2012.

Volf, M. *Work in the Spirit: Toward a Theology of Work*. Eugene, OR: Wipf and Stock. 2001.

Witherington, Ben. *Work: A Kingdom Perspective on Labor*. Grand Rapids, MI: Wm. B. Eerdmans, 2011.