Thank God It's Monday

Flourishing in Your Workplace

Small Group Discussion Questions

Over the years lots of small groups have used *Thank God It's Monday* as a springboard for discussion, focusing on a chapter each time. Here are some questions originally developed by Fred Naff for his workplace group, recently revised to key into the fifth edition.

- The workplace is God's place... a place of opportunity...

 Do you feel that your job matters: to God? To your church community? To your Christian workplace group? To you?
- How does your work reflect the way God worked at creation: bringing order, creating beauty or joy, releasing potential, making provision, in some way helping others to flourish? Where do you see the impact of the fall on your work?
- Are you shaped by your workplace or are you helping to shape the way things are done there?

 Do you recognise God at work in your workplace? How are you for your organisation?
- Do you feel that the actual work you do... your everyday set of tasks... really matters to God? How might your work, done well, witness to Jesus?
- What are relationships like for you at work? How might you build trust in your area of responsibility? If evangelism is a process the journey towards God that people around you are making what part might you or other Christians play in your specific workplace context?
- How could you personally or as a group prepare well for opportunities to point others towards Jesus? How might you do this in a way that respects your colleagues and workplace policies around faith and beliefs?
- How well is your whole life integrated together under God (e.g. the choices you make about home, work, family or social commitments)? Have a go at the Human Flourishing Quotient questionnaire (p122-123) and ask someone else who knows you well to give you their view too.

How did you get on? What changes might you make?



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How does your church community view your job? How might you help your church to support those in the workplace? Are you able to share with and receive support frcom the Christians within your workplace? chapters

If you haven't been able to connect with other Christians at work, why not ask God to help you discover them? Transform Work UK (transformworkuk.org) can advise you on how to set up a group.

- Who has God placed on your heart? How might you pray for them? Read through the tools on p144. How might these work in your particular workplace? How do Christians in your workplace together witness well to the love of Jesus?
- Which of the scenarios in this chapter most resembles a situation you found yourself in? How did you react? What advice would you give someone asked to do something improper at work?
- Do any of the problems relating to the boss in this chapter ring a bell? We ultimately work for the Lord – how should this affect our attitude?
- We submit to our boss's authority... Are you willing to submit to your boss? Why or why not? God is in control... Do you truly believe this? Do you live it? Choose another question from the list of biblical references at the end of this chapter for discussion.
- What kind of peace is being discussed in this chapter? How does it affect the pressures or uncertainties you might be facing? How do we find this peace?
- If you are a manager, which of the qualities discussed in this chapter stand out to you? Why? Which qualities do you aspire to?
- As you come to the end of this set of studies, what might you do to keep growing as a Christian in the workplace? Why not have a look at other resources from LICC, such as *Transforming Work*?

