



# Word Alive!

## Mid-week Teaching Series

# Christians in the Changing Marketplace

The COVID pandemic in the past two years has introduced a greater sense of informality in our work interactions and the traditional office relationship. While a person's personal faith or religious beliefs can be private matters, we should be willing, when appropriate situations arise, to be open to discuss the Christian principles that guide our lives and speak candidly about how our faith has challenged us to trust God during difficult times.

Our Christian vision of the marketplace requires us to embark on a journey of discovering how each of us can be called by God in the marketplace to serve His purposes through serving others, providing opportunities for the growth of others and sharing the Good News of Christ – be it through our actions in the office or any place of work.

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Dates: **5, 12, 19 & 26 May** (Thurs)

Time: **8.00-9.30pm**

Mode: **Online via Zoom**

Registration will be closed on **3 May (Tues)** or when it has reached its maximum capacity.

Sign up now at

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## SYNOPSIS Wholly Work or Holy Work? - The Call to Work and Witness

Have you ever wondered about the spiritual purpose of your work? Is there a divine purpose for the work we do and the vocation we have? This first session explores the theological foundations for the work we do, the witness we bear and the opportunities God grants for intentional discipleship in and through our work.

## Witnessing in the Broken World of Work

The ideal is for every believer in Jesus Christ to thrive and serve with a clear sense of calling and ministry, loving people and God. Yet many of us in real life experience challenges, pain and losses despite best effort. How can the bible help us to live between what is and what ought to be? How can Christians in the workplace be a witness for God when we are also flawed and broken? How can we follow Jesus in a broken world of work?

## Witnessing in the Global City

Singapore has long positioned itself as one of the most innovative global cities, seeking to attract more talent and investments from all over the world to its shores. This session explores a theological understanding of cities and how the church and believers may be faithful witnesses, with reference to biblical principles.

## Practical applications:

*In a global and multicultural society, how can we be salt and light in our daily interactions in practical ways and yet being sensitive to the culturally diverse milieu around us?'*

## Navigating Work Challenges

Join a conversation between generations on being a disciple of Christ in the marketplace. This session is a dialogue around the central theme of "If you could speak to your younger self today, what would you tell him about the challenges of being a disciple of Christ in the marketplace?'. The format is built around two young adults, both in their 20s, (Ms Joelle Tan, a lawyer by training, working in commercial litigation and Mr Cornelius Sim, a recent graduate and is currently working in a HR AI technology start-up) asking the speaker questions that explore how he faced challenges as a disciple in a marketplace full of uncertainty, anxiety and temptations. Covering insights from his book "Navigating Work Challenges: A Marketplace Devotional", Timothy tell stories from his life and reflects on passages of scripture that help guide him in difficult times."

# ABOUT OUR SPEAKERS:

**Rev Raymond Fong** • Trained as a lawyer, Pastor Raymond worked in the Singapore Legal Service as a Deputy Public Prosecutor, Deputy Director of the Legal Service Department in the Ministry of Manpower and Assistant Director in the Legal Aid Bureau for 11 years before responding to God's call to pastoral ministry. He was appointed to Wesley Methodist Church from 2011 to 2014, before being appointed to Faith Methodist Church from 2015 to 2020. He returned to Wesley Methodist Church as Pastor-In-Charge from 2021.



**Mr Timothy Liu** • Timothy Liu spent 20 years working as a regional sales person covering Asia Pacific for tech and engineering products before working as CEO of Dover Park Hospice. His primary calling has been to serve God in the workplace and at the same time helping believers connect their faith with their work. He founded Marketplace Christian Network in 2001 and was also President of the Graduates' Christian Fellowship (2007–14).



**Rev David Ho** • After graduating from NUS Law School, Pastor David worked in the corporate world for about 10 years before pursuing God's call to full time vocational ministry. Thereafter, Pastor David studied part-time in Trinity Theological College over seven years, while pioneering a church-plant in the HDB heartlands for 10 years, before entering pastoral ministry.



**Mr Charis Lim** • Charis Lim is the CEO of Research Communication International, a management consulting firm and is also the Co-Founder of several tech start-ups. He holds both Bachelor's and Master's degrees from the University of Cambridge and is an Adjunct Fellow in People Analytics & Organizational Leadership at the Singapore University of Technology and Design Academy. He is the Vice President of the Board at the Metropolitan YMCA and sits on the Executive Board of TRAC as well as the TRAC Board of Human Resource Management. He is also a Board Director of MYWorld Preschool and the Methodist Preschool Services. He is presently the Chairperson of Wesley's Digital Strategy Group and the P&P Service Sub Committee.



**Mr Timothy Goh** • Timothy Goh is a corporate in-house lawyer with more than 25 years of experience in the legal industry. He is the founder & director of Kairos Project Ventures which is focused on catalysing businesses for good. He served as President of the Graduates' Christian Fellowship (GCF) from 2002 to 2007. GCF is a fellowship of inter-denominational Christian professionals committed to leadership in Christian thinking and initiatives and to the provision of a Biblical voice that will impact the Church and Society. He is involved in Christian social enterprises reaching out to the rural poor in Asia, a pro family, fostering, adoption and life network and business and marketplace initiatives focussed on being salt and light in society. He is also part of the Marketplace Ministry in WMC.



DATES	TOPIC	SPEAKER(S)
5 May	Wholly Work or Holy Work? – The Call to Work and Witness	Rev Raymond Fong
12 May	Witnessing in the Broken World of Work	Mr Timothy Liu
19 May	Witnessing in the Global City	Rev David Ho and Mr Charis Lim
26 May	Navigating Work Challenges	Mr Timothy Goh with Ms Joelle Tan and Mr Cornelius Sim