

EXTRACT 5: Living in God's story today

Share together other illustrations of people and organisations which are seeking to make a Kingdom difference in the ordinary worlds of commerce, business, education, politics – local or national, parenting, caring, health etc.

OR

Consider to what extent it is easier or harder to carry out activities which fit the Bible's story in the workplace or our leisure time? Why is this? Does the Bible have more to say to us about work or leisure?

OR

What would help you to make your work (whether it be paid employment or in the home or involvement in a charity) a better fit with the scriptural story? Why not have a "brain storming session" to come up with ten to fifteen ideas [They can be sensible ones such as forming a group (made up of those who face similar issues) to talk through honestly the concerns and issues you have, or asking the vicar to pray for you, but they can also be humorous or more challenging too.]

Then select three that you could implement.

Alternatively, give each person three "post its" and encourage each person to write on the "post its" up to three challenges they see (issues that trouble them) about their work and the scriptural story. Collect them in, and in random order, discuss what is written. You could also ask people to consider a couple of the "post its" in groups of two or three people and then report back.

OR

Think about the various ways in which you sense there are a) clashes between the "Drama of Scripture" and your own experiences b) ways in which you are able to promote or fulfil the story in different contexts.

For a) you could draw a diagram, like the one below and write examples in each of the circles. If you are in a group you may find it better to use flipchart size sheets of paper.

For b) repeat the drawing and exercise (changing CLASHES to FULFIL in the top rectangle).

Then share and discuss your perceptions with others in your group.

