



## Sacred - Secular Divide?

### Picture board, discussion and prayer.

#### You will need:

- Refreshments
- Bibles
- Computer, Projector and speakers or TV able to play video from computer.
- Copy of Sacred Secular Divide video from LICC or You Tube  
[http://www.youtube.com/watch?feature=player\\_detailpage&v=lzKCiHk5Uvc](http://www.youtube.com/watch?feature=player_detailpage&v=lzKCiHk5Uvc)
- Copy of John Stott's video Principles for Whole Life Discipleship from LICC or You tube  
[http://www.youtube.com/watch?feature=player\\_detailpage&v=vs64yiwOulc](http://www.youtube.com/watch?feature=player_detailpage&v=vs64yiwOulc)
- A large board to mount pictures
- Blu-Tac or similar
- Pictures/Photos of people at their work. If possible ask participants to provide a picture of themselves at their daily work, whether it is paid or unpaid. Otherwise gather pictures from papers, magazines or from the internet. ( An alternative might be to use charades to act out peoples work and then for them to explain what it involves.)
- Copy of the prayer below for each person.

#### *Thy Kingdom Come*

In the quiet of the morning,  
In the new day that is dawning,  
*Thy Kingdom come.*

In my waking and my dressing,  
In my life and its progressing,  
*Thy Kingdom come.*

In this moment for the taking,  
In the things that I am making,  
*Thy Kingdom come.*

In the people I am meeting,  
In each one I shall be greeting,  
*Thy Kingdom come.*

In my tasks and my employment,  
In my leisure and enjoyment,  
*Thy Kingdom come.*

All day, until its very ending,  
Praise to you I shall be sending,  
*Thy Kingdom come.*

David Adam, from Power Lines. Published by Triangle.



### How to:

- If possible share in some refreshments and encourage people to talk about the sort of day they've had.
- Attach photos/ pictures to the board and put names beneath the roles depicted e.g Teacher: Anne, John etc. Home maker: Emma, Susan , Simon etc.
- Pray for each other.
- Play the video Sacred Secular Divide.
- Discuss what you have heard, do participants feel there is such a divide for them? Always/occasionally/never?
- Read Colossians 1. Reflect together on how many areas of life and existence are encompassed in these verses.
- Discuss the following. Why does it sometimes feel as if God is not interested in 'all things'? Why do we tend to limit what that includes?
- *'The Sacred Secular Divide (SSD) pervades the whole church. And pretty much everyone I know has had it and is a carrier. I've had it. And I struggle against it all the time'* Mark Greene. Why do you think SSD is something we need to struggle against? In what ways could you help one another struggle against it?
- Play the John Stott video.
- Discuss together the possibilities, pressures and struggle of living differently, thinking 'Christianly' or Biblically about work and leisure activities.
- Share together some simple steps each person might take to decrease the sacred secular divide that exists for them.
- Plan together how the Church/Parish might better support people as they start each week. Note down your ideas and keep them to add to your future Parish plan.
- Hand out the prayer and use it to close your session, encouraging people to keep it with them and to pray it daily.