



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
- 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
- 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.