

Faith, Work and Christian Discipleship

The relationship between faith and work has absorbed the minds of Christians for centuries, and many will recognise the challenge of remaining true to our faith identity while we are at work. But might our thinking go further? Is it possible for work itself, in its many and varied forms, to be an expression of Christian Discipleship? To what degree can the mission of God be pursued through what many would more naturally describe as "secular work"?

Based on ICF's recently published group study resource, these are questions that you are invited to explore at our 2018 Annual Lecture. We will consider together how work enables human beings to participate in God's mission to reconcile all things and express their calling as stewards of creation. This is a perspective that raises foundational questions about what we do and do not consider to be work, which in turn offers insights into why the world of business seems to constantly find itself embroiled in moral crisis and scandal. Drawing on many years of work in this field, our speaker will consider the needs and opportunities that exist for faith communities to help reclaim work as an expression of human identity and community.

About the speaker...

Phil Jump is a Baptist Minister who has been engaged in supporting Christians in the workplace for two decades, working through a local congregation, industrial and police chaplaincy and through the work of ICF. He is a graduate engineer and former trade unionist who now serves as Regional Minister for the North Western Baptist Association. Until recently he was the Baptist co-ordinator of the Joint Public Issues team, engaging in public life on behalf of Baptist, Methodist, United Reformed Churches and the Church of Scotland. Phil is chair of Industrial Christian Fellowship and a member of the steering group of Salt of the Earth, a faith and work network rooted in the chemical sector in Cheshire. He has written and spoken extensively on the subject of faith and work.

Industrial Christian Fellowship

Faith and work remains a key issue for Christians who are serious about living out their faith in a 21st Century world. Industrial Christian Fellowship has a long history of supporting Christians in the workplace and developing resources that help churches relate to the world of work. We are an ecumenical, membership-based organisation that can offer advice and support to individual Christians, local church communities and businesses. We publish a range of resources and online materials. Our Annual lecture seeks to highlight and develop key developments in the area of workplace spirituality. We are delighted to be returning to Winchester for this year's gathering. This event is open to anyone who is interested and includes lunch. Please visit our website to register your intention to attend. The programme will conclude with a brief Annual General Meeting for which non-members are welcome to stay.

