

THE KINGDOM OF GOD

Project Assignment
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Purpose: The purpose of this project is twofold. First, it is to help you to understand how to apply the framework and to get you started in doing so. Second, it is to help you better understand your work through the lenses of the gospel story.

Objective: Apply the *ought, is, can* and *will* framework to your work. Consider your specific area of work along with the industry or profession in which you work. In the future it may also be helpful to apply this framework to your civic involvement or hobbies.

Instructions: Answer the questions below and write four short summary statements of how your work can or does reflect each chapter of the Kingdom Story.

Creation/ought: Think broadly about the industry or profession in which you work. Think specifically about the company you work for and think narrowly about your specific dominion. Consider industry objectives and specific means to those objectives. What aspects of your work reflect God's nature? What is, as it ought to be? You may see elements of your work that reflect compassion, justice and truth or excellence and efficiency. Is the common good represented in your work? Where and how do you exercise dominion at work? How does your dominion reflect God's rule in your life?

Fall/is: What aspects of your work reflect the fallenness of the human race? Are people disregarded as unimportant? Is there a lack of moral ethic in your work place? Is the world itself considered an expendable resource with no regard for the creation? Again, consider the industry, your specific company and your own dominion/area of responsibility.

Redemption/can: How can you exercise dominion at work in ways that will restore your work or workplace to that which God intended? Can you restore honesty or respect to what you do? Can you promote God's values in other areas? Though God's ways and his values have intrinsic worth, sometimes you will be able to promote them because they are an effective means to getting the job done. What changes can and should be made in the broader industry? What influence can you exercise to promote positive change?

Restoration/will: This may be a difficult question if you have never put physical form to your vision of eternity. It also requires more imagination than the others because there is a lot we don't know about our eternal home. However, assume that work and calling follow us into the renewed heavens and earth. When you think of your profession, how will it look someday when all is said and done? Can you envision your profession in the New Jerusalem? What is the hope for your profession?