



## TALKING POINTS



### ***Pastoring for Monday*** *Help Your Congregation Integrate Faith and Work*

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*"I wish someone had told my mother, a nursing home aide for twenty-five years, that her work mattered to God. Though Christian culture now largely affirms the dignity of work, most churches still offer little practical guidance on integrating faith with daily jobs. Pastoring for Monday is the answer to this problem. A practical, actionable manual for church leaders, this book will help pastors competently shepherd every congregant—from the teacher and accountant to the nursing home aide—to live out their faith every day of the week."*

—Robin John, founding member and CEO of Eventide Asset Management and author of *The Good Investor*

## Work Matters to God. Does It Matter to His Church?

Many Christians experience vocational restlessness and anxiety, unsure or unaware how their faith can guide them in their workplaces. What would it look like for your church to affirm, equip, and commission your congregation to embrace a sense of calling and mission in their everyday labor?

In *Pastoring for Monday*, Matt Rusten helps you lead your church to form Christians who follow, represent, and commune with Christ amid their daily work. This book equips you to bridge the divide between the sacred and secular, transforming how your church disciples people for the workplace.

*Pastoring for Monday* addresses the following questions, and more:

- Why prioritize work at church?
- Why must disciple-making include work?
- What does discipling workers entail?
- What does a faithful life at work look like?
- How do I help my congregation prepare for hard work situations?
- How do I preach to connect with workers?
- How can the gospel reenchant work?

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## Q & A



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*Matt Rusten is president of Made to Flourish and editor in chief of Common Good magazine. He received his doctor of ministry degree in faith, work, economics, and vocation from Fuller Theological Seminary. Rusten regularly speaks and writes in the areas of faith, work, and economics. He has served in churches in North Dakota, the Chicago area, Kansas City, and Madison, Wisconsin. Rusten and his wife Margi have two children and live in Kansas City.*

## Practices to Bridge the Sunday to Monday Gap

### **What motivated you to write *Pastoring for Monday*?**

**Matt Rusten:** In my early days of pastoring, I served at a church that valued connecting the gospel to people's work. It left a big mark on how I viewed pastoral ministry, as I saw the impact it had on people's lives. Having worked at Made to Flourish for the past ten years, I work with pastors and churches across the country who are thinking well about vocational discipleship and wanted to bring our collective learnings and best practices to other pastors.

### **Briefly summarize the central thesis of your book. What is distinctive about your idea and your approach?**

**Matt:** The church is a gathering of the people of God to worship him, be formed together as his people, and learn what it means to follow Jesus. Since the church also scatters into the world, churches must form disciples who worship and follow Jesus in the context of their work, paid or unpaid. This book exists to help pastors and church leaders more intentionally make that connection. Because the primary audience is pastors and church leaders, it addresses the concrete realities and priorities they have, such as preaching, forming small groups, and thinking through outreach initiatives.

### **What are five main things you would like readers to take away from your book?**

**Matt:**

1. Congregation members want and need to hear their churches address vocation, work, and discipleship.
2. Pastors don't have to become experts about people's work to meaningfully help them follow Jesus in their work.
3. Intentional and consistent church practices to bridge the Sunday to Monday gap don't require new programming but can be integrated into the regular work of pastoring.
4. Though the calling of a pastor is distinct, every follower of Christ is called to be a minister, serving others with the love of Jesus.
5. Vocational discipleship is biblically based and consistently modeled throughout the story of the Bible.



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