

## Theology of Work

Wed. May 13, 20, 27; 2009 (7.20-10.00pm)

Biblical teaching on the nature and consequences of work will be discussed and compared with contemporary understanding and practice. Some of the tensions that may arise between the demands of a secular job and the desire for involvement in ministry will be explored. Issues such as success, excellence, professionalism, authenticity, lifestyle and balance, and their implications will be considered.

**Facilitator: Dr Toh See Kiat**  
**Venue: 31 Tg Pagar Rd**

## Understanding Culture

Tue. Jun 16, 23, Jul 7; 2009 (7.20-10.00pm)

What is "culture"? How do we perceive the economic, political and social structures of another people? How do we understand their values and their modes of thought? How may our own cultural prejudice spoil our relationships with other people? How do worldview, cultural values and social structure affect the communication of the gospel and the life of the local church?

**Facilitator: Dr Ng Peh Cheng**  
**Venue: 31 Tg Pagar Rd**

## Biblical Basis for Tentmaking Mission

Tue. Jul 21, 28; 2009 (7.20-10.00pm)

Tentmaking is not a new idea. The church has never relied entirely on the so-called full-time Christian workers to fulfill its global mission. Bible is full of examples of tentmakers who while remaining as witnesses for God in their professions, exerted enormous influence for the cause of the Gospel. This introductory module will provide a biblical foundation to the whole course and will consider the strategic and practical advantages of tentmaking and its powerful implications for ministry. Participants will gain an understanding of the potential to reach the unreached through this new paradigm for 21<sup>st</sup> Century missions.

**Facilitator: Mr Andre De Winne**  
**Venue: 31 Tg Pagar Rd**

## Religions of Asia

Tue. Aug 4, 11, 18; 2009 (7.20-10.00pm)

This module will explore the philosophical and cultural backgrounds of the major religions of Asia. The aim of this module will be to familiarize participants with the history and the development of each religion, and introduce them to the different worldviews so that they can better relate and reach out to the people of other faiths.

**Facilitator: Dr Augustine Pagolu & Miss Irene Tay**  
**Venue: 31 Tg Pagar Rd**

## Coping with Stress

Tue. Aug 25, Sep 1, 8; 2009 (7.20-10.00pm)

Stress is a state we experience when there is a disparity between perceived demands and perceived ability to cope. It is not what happens to us but how we react to what happens to us that affects our stress reactions. This module reviews basic concepts of stress, and explores its impact on individuals considering or returning to ministry work in a cross-cultural setting. In addition to practicing stress reducing techniques, participants also identify and address potentially stressful areas in tent making.

**Facilitator: Mr Yam Keng Mun**  
**Venue: 31 Tg Pagar Rd**

## Tentmakers & Ethical Issues

Tue. Sep 29, Oct 13, 20; 2009 (7.20-10.00pm)

This module will consider some of the ethical issues which Christian professionals may encounter in their work and ministry overseas. These will include questions of honesty and integrity, bribes and kickbacks, guanxi and connections, management and cultural issues. Different case studies will be discussed and Bible principles considered to help the participants respond to the various ethical issues.

**Facilitator: A Former Singaporean Tentmaker**  
**Venue: 31 Tg Pagar Rd**

**Personal Ministry Skills: Practical Considerations for a Tentmaker's Ministry**

Tue. Nov 3, 10, 17; 2009 (7.20-10.00pm)

A tentmaker's ministry is, by necessity, personal and low-key in nature. This module will identify important principles and practical aspects of such a ministry. Ministry skills like evangelistic approaches and discipling, and issues such as contextualization, survivability and personal lifestyle will be discussed. A simple four-step format is presented to help the tentmaker launch a personal ministry that will be focused and sustainable. Specific case studies will be presented.

**Facilitator: Mr Toh Kai Hua**  
**Venue: 31 Tg Pagar Rd**

I have become all things to all men so that by all possible means I might save some  
- 1 Cor 9.22



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## **COURSE CONTENT**

### **MODULES**

(May to November, 2009)

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