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# CHRISTIANITY IN CULTURE

Joining God in the Renewal of All Things

A SEMINAR WITH ED STETZER

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## **Restoration and Commission**

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### **1. The Why of God's Mission: The Glory of God**

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He predestined us to be adopted as sons through Jesus Christ for himself, according to the good pleasure of his will, *to the praise of his glorious grace* that he lavished on us in the Beloved One... In him we have also received an inheritance, because we were predestined according to the plan of the one who works out everything in agreement with the purpose of his will, so that we who had already put our hope in Christ *might bring praise to his glory*.  
(Ephesians 1:5-6, 11:12)

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He made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he purposed in Christ as a plan for the right time—to bring everything together in Christ, both things in heaven and things on earth in him.  
(Ephesians 1:9-10)

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#### **The Calling of the Word (evangelism)**

Jesus continued going around to all the towns and villages, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the good news of the kingdom, and healing every disease and every sickness. When he saw the crowds, he felt compassion for them, because they were distressed and dejected, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is abundant, but the workers are few. Therefore, pray to the Lord of the harvest to send out workers into his harvest. (Matthew 9:35-38)

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#### **The Calling of the Work (vocation)**

Whatever you do, do it from the heart, as something done for the Lord and not for people, knowing that you will receive the reward of an inheritance from the Lord. You serve the Lord Christ. (Colossians 3:23-24)

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#### **Work for the Good of Others**

Let us not get tired of doing good, for we will reap at the proper time if we don't give up. Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us work for the good of all, especially for those who belong to the household of faith.  
(Galatians 6:9-10)

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In Lystra a man was sitting who was without strength in his feet, had never walked, and had been lame from birth. He listened as Paul spoke. After looking directly at him and seeing that he had faith to be healed, Paul said in a loud voice, "Stand up on your feet!" And he jumped up and began to walk around. (Acts 14:8-10)

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Work for the Good of the World

Some soldiers also questioned him, "What should we do?"  
He said to them, "Don't take money from anyone by force or  
false accusation, and be satisfied with your wages."  
(Luke 3:14)

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**Conclusion:** Join In

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