

## Does God go to work?

Conversations at church often revolve around people's family life and church activities. Yet, for many people, a large proportion of the week is spent in a place of secular employment. Those are the places where faith can be lived out, shared and where it is often sharply tested.

During a series of work forums (four in 2009 and three in 2010/2011) Westminster Central Hall has encouraged its members, and others, to spend time looking at questions such as:

- In what ways can I appropriately and effectively share my faith at work?
- What is the Recession doing to us (not just financially, but in terms of attitudes and sensitivity to others)?
- How should we respond to bullying at work?
- Why should we take Trade Union responsibility seriously?
- Can you be a successful *and* compassionate manager?

Each evening has begun with a meal (for a modest cost of £7.50), followed by a short talk which has given rise to questions and discussion. Consistent attendances (averaging 25) have been a good indication that people have valued these forums, often coming at the end of a long working day.

Of course God is in our places of work! How to be aware of what He is doing and what He wants us to do is not always quite so clear cut. This series "Does God go to work?" has given opportunity to people to listen and share, often followed up with the opportunity for participants to contribute to a prayer request sheet. By prayer and ongoing informal conversations relationships within the church have been opened up at a different level helping us to be the Body of Christ when we are dispersed as well as when we are gathered.

For more information about these forums or future plans please contact [Rev Gordon Newton](#), Methodist Central Hall, Westminster.