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Our passion at Bethel Seminary is to advance the gospel of Jesus Christ among all people in culturally sensitive ways. As a Spirit-empowered, biblically grounded community, Bethel strives to develop and equip whole and holy persons to serve and lead, so that churches and ministry agencies can become all they are called to be and do all they are called to do in the world, for the glory of God. We have been pursuing this passion since 1871.

This passion includes preparing God's people for ministry in all spheres of life. People spend a majority of their waking hours in the context of work. The Work with Purpose team at Bethel Seminary believes that God cares deeply about our vocational lives. God also cares deeply about how our work contributes to the good of those around us. The Work with Purpose Initiative aims to nurture biblical and theological reflection on faith, work, and economics, and to equip pastors and Christian leaders in their work of empowering the people in their churches with a vision for whole-life discipleship as the people of God.

We hope this brief book by three Bethel professors will be an important resource for you as you seek to encourage and equip the church to effectively engage in all work for the glory of God.

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