

# Dismantling the Sacred/Secular Divide:

Caring for Cross-Cultural Workers in Bi-Vocational and Nontraditional ministry roles.

## I. Rethinking Mission

- *What is a missionary? Today, they challenge traditional assumptions!*
- *The torn veil: All work is sacred (Matthew 27:51).*

## II. Jesus' Model: Sacred in the Ordinary is Non-Conflicting

- *Jesus worked (Mark 6:3), shared meals (Luke 19:1-10), and taught through everyday work (Matthew 13).*

## III. Challenges Nontraditional Workers Face

- *Isolation | Identity struggles | Ethical tensions | Spiritual care needs*

## IV. To Care, We Must ACT

**A** – *Affirm (Recognizing Their Work as Mission)*

- *How can you validate and advocate for nontraditional workers?*

**C** – *Connect (Building Strong Networks & Support)*

- *Who can you introduce them to for spiritual or professional support?*

**T**– *Train (Providing Resources for Growth)*

- *What mentoring, training, or tools would help them thrive?*

## Key Takeaways & Next Steps

- *Mission happens everywhere, including business, education, and development.*
- *Nontraditional workers need affirmation, connection, and training just like traditional missionaries.*
- *Write one action step: What will you do this month to **Affirm**, **Connect**, or **Train** a nontraditional worker?*



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