**TTT – This Time Tomorrow**

During a normal Sunday worship service, perhaps once a month, the church leader interviews one of the congregation for two minutes. They ask the interviewee a few questions about their daily occupation, about what they will be doing ‘This Time Tomorrow’. The questions can be really simple:

- What do you do?
- What are your challenges/the things you are thankful for?
- How can we pray for you?

The interviewees do not need to be the Chief of Police, the CEO of IBM or the England fly half. In fact, even if you have some with an extraordinary role, it’s usually best to start with people doing ordinary work in ordinary places, and to include people whose daily occupation may not be paid, such as a housewife, a retired person involved in a variety of purposeful activities, and those who are unemployed.

This simple practice tends to have a range of transformative benefits:

1. It acknowledges, affirms and honours the interviewee, telling them that what they do every day is important to the leader, important to the church and important to God.

2. As TTT follows TTT month by month, the whole congregation recognises ever more deeply that ordinary Christians doing ordinary things are important to God – even if some people never get to share from the front. These stories and prayer requests become part of the way the church does life together.

3. TTT creates new conversations. It gives people who didn’t know the interviewee an easy way to talk to them, and perhaps to share similar challenges or pertinent insight or encouragement.

4. TTT triggers a new kind of conversation. Issues that are often considered to be off the spiritual agenda (work, futility, failure, success, daily relationships, mission in daily life) are validated as legitimate topics for conversation and prayer.

**Consider:**

- Once you’ve done the interview you could ask others to stand who share the same issues or pressures so they can also be prayed for.
- Getting creative in the way you do the interviews. One church arranged for members to use a small video camera to record their interviews in their workplace which naturally helped people understand each other’s everyday contexts much better.
- Providing an opportunity for people to give testimony to how the congregation’s prayers have been answered in future services.

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**Commissioning and Thankfulness**

When someone gets a new job or is promoted it is something to be thankful for and perhaps to acknowledge as a whole church. Furthermore, a new job is not just a source of provision; it is an opportunity for mission and ministry so, in the same way that one would pray for a new pastor, it is hugely encouraging to commission someone for their new job or their new role.

Ideally, prayers might have three main thrusts:

- Reflect an understanding of the job to be done and how it may contribute positively to others, the place it will be done and the skills required.
- Reflect the conviction that the Christian goes into the workplace as a representative of the Lord Jesus carrying his commission and confident in his promise to be ‘with’ his disciples ‘to the very end of the age’ (Matthew 28:19–20).
- Reflect the conviction that the Christian goes into the workplace as the individual representative of your church. Thank God that he has given your community an opportunity to make an impact in that place.

**Opportunities for Prayer**

**After the offering**

Most churches do this every week so you don’t have to change anything in a service to begin to enrich people’s understanding of God’s generosity and the variety of ways he may bless his people in, at and through work, and other mechanisms of provision. Across a year you could probably teach and pray a whole theology of work, divine provision, money and generosity, just through offertory prayers. Themes might include:

- Gratitude for work.
- Gratitude for being created with skills.
- Recognition of the need for stewardship.
- Recognition of God as the source of money.
- Gratitude for money.
- Gratitude for the privilege of being able to give.
- Gratitude for our workplaces, our bosses and colleagues.