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Shepherd's Corner

All believers are priests called to be salt and light in the workplace

All who truly believe in Christ are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's special possession (1 Peter 2:9). In the original Greek of the New Testament, the word translated "people" is laos, which is also the root of the English word laity.

The term highlights the shared identity and calling of all true believers and does not make a clear distinction between clergy and laity. Hence, it is not consistent with biblical teaching to divide believers into two distinct groups — (1) clergy, regarded as spiritual leaders, and (2) laity, including those in the workplace, usually regarded as ordinary church members or recipients of ministry.

Moreover, contemporary theological discussion often returns to the fullness of God's Word, affirming that all believers are called to serve (diakonia). This means that work, in its very nature, is an act of worship. The biblical concept of "work as worship" can be traced back to the Garden of Eden, before the Fall, where Adam and Eve were given the cultural mandate to "work it" (abad) and "take care of" (shamar) the garden (Genesis 2:15).

Both abad and shamar are also used in Scripture to describe the service of priests and Levites (Numbers 3:7–8; 8:26; 18:5; 1 Chronicles 23:24–32). Work, therefore, was part of humanity's original calling before the Fall—a calling to live in harmony with God's creation and to make life fruitful and meaningful.

Monday Disciples presents an important biblical concept: believers are called to be "salt and light" in the world. This vivid imagery comes from our Lord Jesus' Sermon on the Mount (Matthew 5:13–16). Like salt, believers are called to act as a preservative in the workplace,upholding moral and ethical standards and resisting the spread of corruption and injustice. Just as salt adds flavour and life to food, believers are likewise called to bring a distinctive and positive influence to the workplace through Christlike character, integrity and compassion, influencing the lives of those around them through the way they live.

Likewise, believers are called to be light, with a threefold function: to illuminate, to expose and to attract. First, believers are called to shine in the darkness, guiding others towards Truth, righteousness and justice. Second, they are called to expose corruption, injustice and unethical behaviour in the workplace, bringing such matters into the light so that they can be addressed. Third, believers are called to live lives that are compelling and attractive, drawing others towards the source of their life—the Lord Jesus Christ.

Let us remember always that the calling to be "salt and light" in the workplace is not limited to those in explicitly "religious" professions——it applies even more to every believer, regardless of their profession or industry. It is a call to live out our faith in every area of life and, through the power of the gospel, to transform the world around us.

(Adapted from "Foreword to Monday Disciples by Rev Tony Tay Meng Hiang, founder of Global Jireh (GJ) Workplace Ministry.

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Accumulated Hit Rate

Jan-Aug	325,636

Financial Report

Jan-Jul 2026 (SGD)		
Income	$	83,483
Expenses	$	79,097
Surplus	$	4,386

Aug 2026 (SGD)		
Income	$	7,344
Expenses	$	9,823
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Audience Feedback

Moving Beyond School Reluctance

This sharing could not have come at a better moment! I look towards the speaker's professional insights on helping these troubled parents to gain clarity and enable the whole family to work as one as they find a way out of this difficult situation. (Sister Xiao, Singapore)

Monday Disciples : Online Discipleship Training

1. The course helped me realize that work is sacred, rather than just something "secular". We should live out our faith in the workplace with a spiritual perspective. (Brother Ji)

2. Through the course, I gained a clearer understanding of my identity and calling. I came to see myself as a steward of God's Kingdom and gained greater clarity about His leading. (Sister Ouyang)

3. How blessed I am indeed! The group discussions and the speaker's guidance pointed me to a new direction, plus new ways of thinking about the issues I was facing. I was also deeply moved by everyone's encouragement. Thank you, brothers and sisters for your care and concern. (Sister Li)

4. The course helped me discern the four potential traps in the workplace. It also reminded me to dedicate time for theological reflection and, through the power of the Holy Spirit, to bring greater consistency to my life at work, in church ministry and at home—without pretense or compartmentalization—as I strive to live out my faith in every aspect of my life. (Brother Wei)

New Programmes

27/10/2026 (Tue and Thurs)

Song of Songs — A Dialogue on Love

Going by feelings, laying down conditions, fear of being short-changed.... When love increasingly resembles a game of give and take, is "for a lifetime" still possible in marriage? In this 20-episode series, Rev. Yau Che Ming draws on the ancient love poem, as he leads us in confronting desire, learning to accept one another as we truly are, weaknesses and all.



Monday Disciples Is Available for worldwide Orders!

Readers outside China, Singapore and Malaysia can place their orders through the links below:

Traditional Chinese edition:
https://edbooks.co/product/gro842/
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https://edbooks.co/product/gro835/
The book is priced in Hong Kong dollars. At checkout, the system will automatically convert the price into your local currency based on the exchange rate of the day.

Readers in Singapore and Malaysia: Please refer to the information and links on page 1 of this issue.

Home Matters & Intercession

1 Oikonomia Stewardship Network invites:

1. All believers --- to register for a personal account to access spiritual resources related to family and workplace produced by GR to benefit personal life growth;
2. Churches --- to contact GR to further explore collaboration opportunities in discipleship training.
Website : https://oikonomia.global-reachout.org/

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Starting from 12-07-2026, GR Board Director Deacon Francis Ngoi setup up booth 3 times at Ang Mo Kio Methodist Church to promote and sell "Monday Disciples", doing his part to help multiply disciples in this era. Praise the Lord!



3

On 16 July 2026, Dr. Michelle Liew and the Sufes Petaling Jaya team met to discuss promoting the book "Monday Disciples" to the wider Malaysian community. The shared vision is to partner with churches to multiply disciples in this generation, where the need for faithful disciples is greater than ever. Praise the Lord!



4

From July 20 to 24, 2026, Dr. Michelle Liew attended the CCCOWE Conference in Kuching, where she joined pastors and leaders from various regions to explore the current challenges facing Chinese churches, the essence of the Gospel, and opportunities for future development. We thank



the Lord for His leading and for the opportunity to share GR's vision during the Singapore, Sabah, and Sarawak regional fellowship gatherings: the height of truth in understanding,the depth of connection with God, and the breadth of faith in practice. She also presented copies of the newly published Monday Disciples to participating pastors.

5

On 29 July 2026, Dr. Michelle Liew visited New Life Restoration Church in Puchong, Malaysia. She shared GR's vision, and introduced the GR Oikonomia discipleship resources to the pastoral team led by Rev.Gideon Wong. Dr. Liew also presented a copy of the newly published Monday Disciples. May this resource to raise faithful disciples in response to Isaiah 60:2. Praise the Lord!



6

On 09 Aug 2026, GR and SIM were invited by Sitiawan-Manjung District of the Methodist Church in Malaysia, to share about their mission ministries at Pioneer Community Church and Pangkor Methodist Church. GR shared on "Sharing the Gospel and Teaching via Social Media" and introduced the



the rich discipleship resources on the GR Oikonomia platform. Dr. Michelle Liew also presented copies of the newly published Monday Disciples to Chinese Methodist Churches in Sitiawan. May this resource equip and inspire more believers to raise faithful disciples who shine as Christ's light in this VUCA era, in response to Isaiah 60:2. Praise the Lord!

7

On 13 Aug 2026, Dr. Michelle Liew was invited to share "The Vision of Raising up Disciples" at the Pastoral Fellowship in Johor Bahru, Malaysia. She also introduced the GR Oikonomia discipleship resources and presented a copy



of the newly published Monday Disciples to all Chinese Churches and Mission Institutes present in the meeting. May this resource equip believers to raise faithful disciples who shine as Christ's light in this VUCA era, in response to Isaiah 60:2. Praise the Lord!

New Courses

Monday Disciples | Stage 3: Online Discipleship (Lessons 18–25)

Dates: 21 Oct to 11 Nov 2026 (Wed) | 8:00–9:30 p.m. Singapore time
Fee: Freewill offering (a hardcopy of "Monday Disciples" must be purchased before the course begins)
Stage 2 of Monday Disciples is currently under way, with Stage 3—the final stage of the full course waiting in the wings. This course is led by Dr Michelle Liew, Executive Chairman of GLOBAL REACHOUT: participants will be guided from personal workplace practice towards a broader sphere of spiritual influence. If you missed the first two stages, you are still most welcome to register.
Scan the QR code on the poster or click the registration link to sign up.



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