

## BUSINESS IS GOD'S IDEA



Business has God-given power to do good in society by creating jobs, multiplying resources, driving innovation and catalyzing human flourishing.



## BUSINESS AND THE CHURCH

If business is a God-given calling, then it is a necessary component of the church to reach the world for Christ.

## CALLS TO ACTION

### AFFIRM

We call upon the Church to affirm business as a God-given calling, and positively engage with leaders in church, business, missions and academia to influence attitudes towards business.

### RECEIVE

We call upon business people globally to receive this affirmation and to consider how their gifts might be used to help meet the world's spiritual and physical needs.

### PRAY

We call upon the global Church to pray for professionals to exercise their gifts effectively among all peoples and to the ends of the earth.



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## GOD CALLS BUSINESS PEOPLE FOR CREATIVE SOLUTIONS

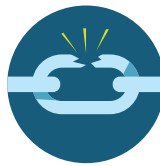
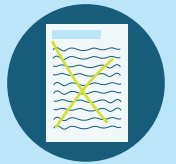


### BUSINESS FIGHTS POVERTY

One billion people were lifted out of poverty in the 20 years between 1990 and 2010; two thirds of that lift is attributed to capitalism and free trade rather than government and NGOs.

### BUSINESS CREATES JOBS

Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs) provide two-thirds of all formal jobs in developing countries in Africa, Asia, and Latin America, and 80% of jobs in low income countries.



### BUSINESS FIGHTS HUMAN TRAFFICKING

The International Labor Organization estimates that forced labor and human trafficking is a \$150 billion industry worldwide. Economic vulnerability and lack of dignified jobs is a leading cause of human trafficking.

### BUSINESS REACHES THE UNREACHED

There are still 7000+ unreached people groups in the world. The majority of the unreached live where traditional missionaries can't go. Yet the world is open to business people who are able to have a long-term influential role in their communities.



### BUSINESS BUILDS RELATIONSHIPS

The average person will spend 90,000 hours at work over a lifetime. People spend much of their waking lives in the workplace. The workplace is a key environment where we interact with others, build long-lasting relationships and are able to be a daily witness to the gospel.

## REDISCOVER BIBLICAL THINKING ABOUT BUSINESS

Business is a God-given calling! Business people are able to use their gifts for God's glory and the common good, especially among the world's poorest and least-reached peoples.