

# Equip for the Future

## World Changers Developed

### What is a World Changer?

God is the ultimate world changer. When we align ourselves with God’s kingdom, we get to participate as world changers under Jesus’ rule and reign.

Characteristics of a world changer:

- **Devotion to Jesus** – They place Jesus at the center of their lives.
- **Sent by Jesus** – They carry their faith in every situation.
- **God’s perspective** – They see the world with God’s eyes.
- **Presence in the world** – They go out into the world, but don’t become like it.
- **Global mindset** – They have a global perspective, caring for those around the world.

### Part of a Bigger Story

World changers know that they are part of a bigger story. This story, God’s Big Story, demands our total devotion and commitment; it shapes our identity and purposes in this world.

#### COACH’S CORNER

World changers aren’t always global figures. Both those who rise to global prominence and those who influence their local communities are precious in God’s economy!

## A Healthy Culture of Equipping for the Future

In a healthy culture...	In an unhealthy culture...
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. People see a connection between the present and the future.</li> <li>2. People seek to understand how their faith and work intersect.</li> <li>3. Staff help students engage in this concept throughout their college years. This isn’t a last-minute scramble before graduation but a consistent process.</li> <li>4. Students process what they’re learning in InterVarsity and think about how it applies to their future careers.</li> <li>5. Staff feel confident that students and faculty understand what it means to be a world changer.</li> <li>6. People understand God’s plan for redemption and want to take part in it.</li> <li>7. People have a desire to engage in lifelong discipleship and are equipped to do so.</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. People believe that they have to “Christianize” their jobs.</li> <li>2. People compartmentalize their Christian life and their work/academic life, unable to see connections between the sacred and secular.</li> <li>3. A misconception exists that only graduating students should contemplate their future.</li> <li>4. Staff are unsure that the students and faculty understand what it means to be a world changer.</li> <li>5. People believe that their discipleship ends once they exit their InterVarsity communities.</li> </ol>

## Life Beyond College

### Overcoming the “Tyranny of the Urgent” in Campus Ministry

Five areas of developing world changers for the future:

1. **Find a community of faith** – Be deeply integrated in the body of Christ.
2. **Integrate faith and work** – See the importance of living out their faith in their workplace.
3. **Steward your resources** – Recognize their resources belong to Jesus and steward them skillfully.
4. **Integrate spiritual practices** – They’re spiritually sustained by life-giving spiritual practices.
5. **Involved in mission and ministry** – Actively participating in and supporting God’s work.

## Find a Community of Faith

Start equipping people for the future by:

1. Connecting people to a church community outside of InterVarsity
2. Encouraging spiritual friendships

## Faith and Work Integration

All aspects of our lives come under God's sovereignty. Every vocation, be it in arts, sciences, or business, is an avenue for manifesting God's character and purposes!

Strengthen your student's faith and work integration by:

1. Leveraging alumni and ministry partners
2. Having intentional conversations around their field of study
3. Hosting discussions around a major or profession

## Steward Your Resources

Financial management is an essential skill to thrive in adulthood, and essential to our discipleship.

Here are three critical concepts to cover in this area:

1. **The Lordship of Christ over our finances** – We give Jesus authority to speak into how we use and approach money, and trust him to care for our needs.
2. **Allocation and tracking** – This means deciding where your money should go and knowing where the money actually went.
3. **Spending, giving, and saving** – Ask "How can I honor God through what I spend, give, and save?" Practice activities like tithing or selling/giving away a possession.

## Integrate Spiritual Practices

One spiritual discipline that is critical for world changers is practicing the Sabbath. Sabbath is intentional time to set aside work and allow God to restore us. It is a reminder that we are dependent on God.

Tips for helping your students start practicing a Sabbath:

- **Start small** – Start with a few hours a day rather than 24 hours of not working.
- **Plan ahead** – Ask a friend to join you and pick a place you want to go ahead of time.
- **Give yourself grace** – Don't give up even if it doesn't go how you want it to.
- **Try something new** – Mix it up and try a new spiritual practice you've never done.

## Involvement in Mission and Ministry

Three principles to practice now that can apply to a lifetime of ministry:

1. **Be passionate and committed to your ministry** – It's a special season that's worth stewarding.
2. **Don't make your ministry the end-all-be-all** – Encourage people to be active outside of InterVarsity, at their local church and even non-Christian settings.
3. **Prepare for when God may call you to leave** – Prepare for when you or your students might be called to leave by asking them to consider where God is sending them in their next season or inviting older people to share how ministry looks different in various life stages.

## Course Worksheet

- [Equip Your Students for the Future](#)

## Related Resources

- [Does God Care about Where I Work This Summer?](#)
- [Sabbath – An Invitation to Rest](#)
- [GAPS Alumni Engagement Program](#)
- [How to Follow Jesus at Work](#)
- [Biblical Foundations of Law](#)
- [Starting Ministry with Nursing Students](#)
- [God & Business Bible Study](#)

## Recommended Courses

- [Make Invitations](#)
- [Teach About Jesus](#)
- [Seek Wholeness and Justice](#)

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