

# “Redeeming our Business”

Some thoughts from Eddie Donaldson’s talk at Detling Summer Conference 11<sup>th</sup> August ‘10

Comes through God’s action thought His people – God’s people taking action.  
Businesses that are involved in communities can have an influence.

He proposed 3 challenges to Christians in business:

## 1. Know God in the workplace.

He is involved, He is there. Don’t leave Him at home! He has placed us there as ambassadors for Him.

Ps 139:7 – wherever we are He is there “even there your hand will guide me...”

Rom 12:2 “do not conform... be transformed...” Our openness to the Holy Spirit is vital, like a boat on the water that needs the wind to catch the sail for it to move forward. We can fulfil His purposes at work, show His love and show we are different.

## 2. Prayer with action

Nehemiah was a role model for us. He had an issue and brought it before God in a clear prayer which was specific and focussed. David had bad days and took them to God (Ps 140). God reminds him of who He is and gives him a godly perspective.

We need to lay our issues before God, pray and get God’s perspective. We need to take action not just wait for God to do something. We can pray for individuals at work, those we are interacting during the day including those we find difficult to deal with (Matt 5:44). We need to pray for others in our business, for our business, the leaders, Christians in business and those leaders who are not Christians too.

## 3. Be salt and light

We have 2 roles to play – both salt (preserving and bringing out the flavour) and light (revealing, shining God’s light, being bold). God puts us in places where we can have an impact – in difficult situations e.g. redundancies. We can bring peace and reconciliation.

He left us with questions to reflect and act upon (from Peter Shaw’s book, “Effective Christian Leaders in the Global Workplace”)

- ◆ To what extent have you been salt in your workplace?
- ◆ In what ways over the next few months can you be salt at work? How can you bring the flavour of God to situations and preserve what is good / prevent corruption?
- ◆ To what extent have you been a source of light in your workplace?
- ◆ Is there more light you can bring to your workplace?