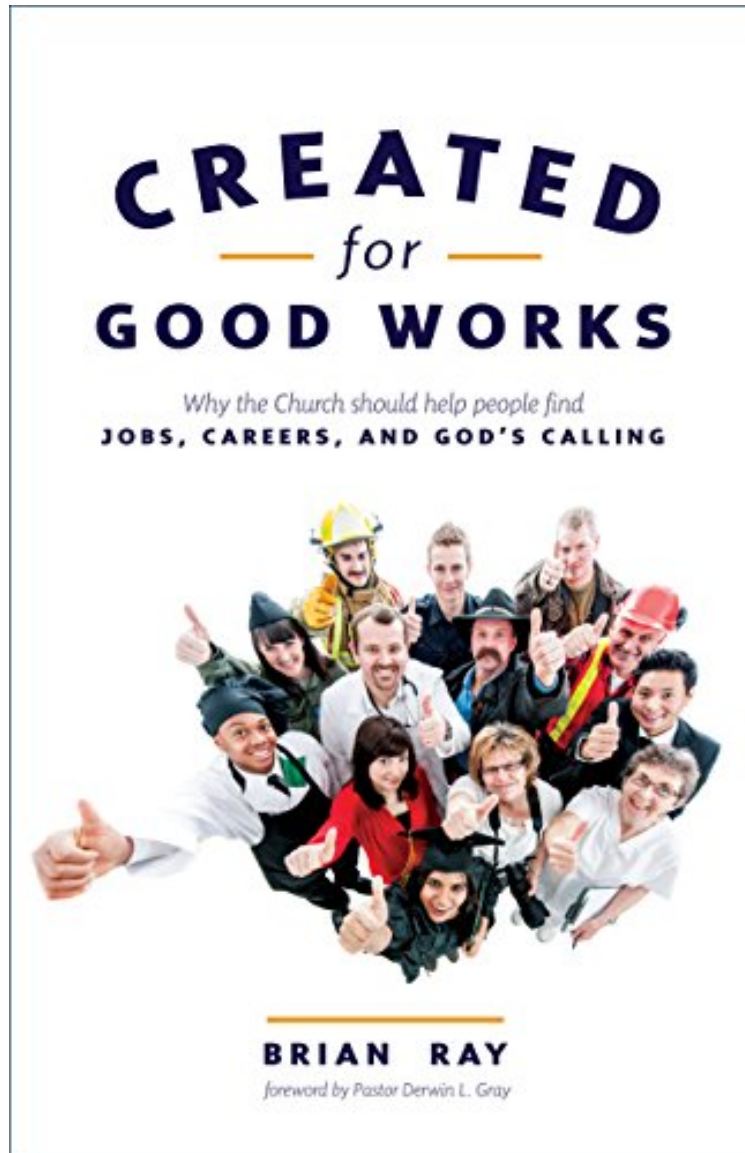


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Created for Good Works is an excellent resource for job seekers and church/ministry leaders alike to discover more about jobs, careers and God's calling. My family has personally experienced the timely support, wise guidance, and practical hands-on help of a Crossroads Career Network ministry in our local church. I am so grateful my church leadership saw the need (in fact as the book points out--the number one felt need) for people to have "good jobs" and that the Church can be a vital part of meeting that practical need while pointing people to their deeper need for Christ. Part career guide/ part ministry blueprint, this book is a must-have resource for anyone who lost their job, loves their job, hates their job or wants to help people experiencing any of the above. I would put one in the hands of every church leader I know if I could.
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This book will give you a new vision in helping people find jobs, careers, and God's calling on their life. Our work is such a key part of our lives and it is a major benefit to the church for them to be involved in helping people discover God's best for them. This is a great gift for your pastor or anyone in church leadership looking to reach out to millions of Americans who are unemployed, misemployed and hate their jobs.

More than 150 million Americans face crossroads in their careers. Over 20 million are unemployed or underemployed. Of those employed, 52% are dissatisfied with their jobs, and 72% are not engaged in their work. When church members are unemployed, underemployed, or misemployed, it affects the life and vitality of the church. The solution is a spiritually vibrant yet practical career ministry that (1) Helps people find jobs, careers and, Gods calling. (2) Catalyzes the growth of evangelism, discipleship, and care ministries in churches. (3) Develops an even healthier church culture of worshippers, givers, and servant leaders. Join hundreds of churches that are already experiencing the joy of helping people through job search, career development, and life transformation. This valuable book will inspire readers to: (1) Understand that the number one thing that most people want is a good job. (2) Realize that the number one Person everyone needs is Jesus. (3) Identify with stories of real people who have successfully navigated this journey of career fulfillment. (4) Accept that career ministry addresses all church members day-to-day living in three practical ways. (5) Trust that we are Gods workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand (6) Catch the vision for career ministry the why of it. (7) Define what career ministry is and how to launch it effectively.

One of the great things about this career ministry is that it incorporates evangelism, discipleship and care, helping people of all ages and stages, from students to seniors, at all socioeconomic levels and ethnicities. The seven-step process and curriculum [in Created for Good Works] helps turn messes into masterpieces, and workers into worshippers. - Pastor Derwin L. Gray, Founding and Lead Pastor, Transformation Church, Indian Land, SC, Author of Limitless Life, Hero and High-Definition Leadership
Read the first eight pages of this book and you'll develop a clear vision of the need for career ministry at your church. Then, in the chapters that follow, Brian will show you what goes into an effective career ministry and how to get one started at your church. An important book for pastors and church leaders! - Steve Grissom, Founder, Church Initiative: Divorce Care Grief Share
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About the Author
Passionate about helping people find jobs, careers, and Gods calling, Brian Ray founded Crossroads Career Network 15 years ago. The network grew to a national membership of churches with over 36,000 registered career explorers and jobseekers. Brian was also the founder and owner of Primus Consulting, a retained executive search consulting firm specializing in recruiting the right people for leadership. Formerly, Brian was Vice President and Executive Committee Member of the Chick-fil-A restaurant chain, where he was responsible for Human Resources, Operator Ventures and Administration. He is the author of marketplace ministry resources: Crossroads Career Work Book, Real Success at Work, New Job Jump Start and The Mastery of Leadership. Brian and his wife Kristy are founding members of Transformation Church in Indian Land SC.
Derwin L. Gray is the founding and Lead Pastor of Transformation Church (TC), a multi-ethnic, multi-generational, mission-shaped community with two campuses in South Carolina (Indian Land and Rock Hill), both just south of Charlotte, North Carolina. TC was recognized as the 2nd fastest-growing church by percentage in America for 2010 by Outreach magazine. In 2011 and 2012, TC was recognized again as one of the top 100 fastest-growing churches in America. Pastor Derwin met his wife, Vicki, at BYU and has been married for 21 years. They have two children, Presley and Jeremiah. After graduating from Brigham Young University, Pastor Derwin played professional football in the NFL for five years with the Indianapolis Colts (1993-1997) and one year with the Carolina Panthers (1998). During that time, he and Vicki began their journey with Christ and experienced God's faithfulness and direction as He moved their hearts to know

Him and make Him known. Click [HERE](#) to read more about Pastor Derwin's journey from playing football to pastoring a church, and to learn about the "naked preacher" who told him about Jesus. Pastor Derwin went on to graduate magna cum laude from Southern Evangelical Seminary with a Master of Divinity (M.Div.) degree, with a concentration in Apologetics. He was and continues to be mentored by renowned theologian and philosopher, Dr. Norman Geisler. Pastor Derwin is currently pursuing a Doctor of Ministry in New Testament Context at Northern Seminary. In addition to his role at Transformation Church, Pastor Derwin is a highly sought-after communicator who speaks nationwide and is recognized by many as the "Evangelism Linebacker." He is the author of *Hero: Unleashing God's Power in a Man's Heart*, published in 2010, and *Limitless Life: You Are More Than Your Past When God Holds Your Future*, released September 2013. He regularly posts strategic thoughts about Gospel-centered living and transformative leadership on his blog, [Just Marinating](#).