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Call for Papers—JBIB Special Issue Business and the Sabbath/Lord's Day

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The *Journal of Biblical Integration in Business* is pleased to announce a special 2015 issue devoted specifically to the Sabbath, the Lord's Day.

YOU ARE INVITED to contribute a paper, an Insights essay, a Living Integration profile, or a book review on this vital topic. The topic lends itself to collaboration with scholars from other disciplines such as Biblical Studies, Theology, or Recreation and Leisure Studies.

Sabbath: An important and neglected subject

For many years now *JBIB* scholars have fruitfully explored the integration of Biblical Scripture with the discipline and practice of business. Most of this work is grounded explicitly or implicitly in the creation account of Genesis chapters 1-3 where God creates people to, among other things, be productive workers.

However, the climax of the creation account – the seventh day of rest – has been largely ignored. The Sabbath is a centerpiece of Judeo-Christian theology. Given its importance and relevance to the world of work, it deserves much more attention from Christian business scholars. Your thoughts on this issue are welcomed.

Sabbath: Many important questions

You are invited to address this topic in a variety of ways, from the conceptual to the empirical, the theoretical and the practical. Please join the conversation on this essential and timely topic by sharing your insights and experiences. Below are some questions that might be considered.

- ◆ What is the relevance of the Sabbath and/or the Lord's Day to twenty-first century Christian business people?
- ◆ Sabbath rest provides renewal for subsequent labor, but is that its only, or even primary, purpose for those who labor in the marketplace?
- ◆ How do we understand Sabbath now that the developed world has moved from a 9 to 5 work schedule to a 24/7/365 work reality?
- ◆ Chick-fil-A's refusal to open its restaurants on Sunday is a familiar practical example of the Sabbath principle. How else do/should Christian business people express the Sabbath in the ways they conduct business and live their lives?
- ◆ What should faculty be teaching Christian business students about the role of the Sabbath in their professional and personal lives?

The following formats will be reviewed with pleasure:

- ◆ Completed papers
- ◆ Paper proposals (5-6 pages long summarizing the paper and intended literature)
- ◆ Book reviews
- ◆ Offers to serve as a reviewer for this issue

Timeline:

- ◆ Proposal submissions: February 28, 2014
- ◆ Paper submissions: June 15, 2014
- ◆ Book review submissions: December 31, 2014 (book reviews must be pre-approved)
- ◆ Expected publication: Spring 2015

Authors are welcomed to discuss submission ideas in advance with the guest editor. He can be contacted at:

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