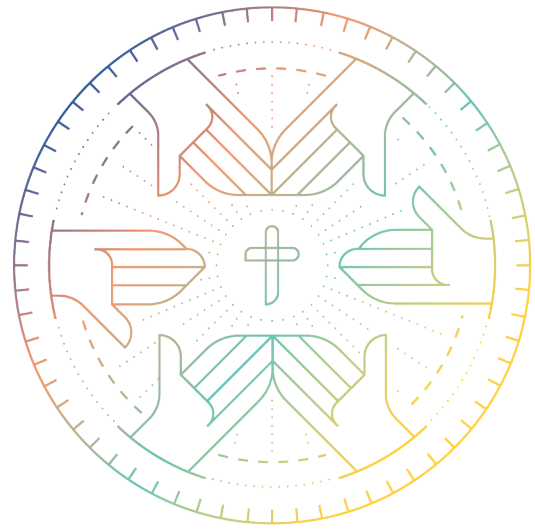


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WE ARE BETTER TOGETHER



SMALL GROUP GUIDE

Unlearned Wisdom: "The Wisdom of Work"
Scripture Focus: Proverbs 6:6-11

ICEBREAKER

Share with your group a time when you worked hard on something and felt a deep sense of accomplishment. What made it so meaningful for you?

INTRODUCTION

What stood out to you from Pastor Jared's message?

Work is a significant part of life, but often, we either overvalue it or treat it as a "necessary evil." Proverbs 6:6-11 challenges us to approach work with wisdom, diligence, and a heart to honor God. This study helps us see work as an opportunity for worship and as a means of Making God Known to those around us. In other words, to see how work can be infused with meaning and purpose.

INTO THE WORD

The Theology of Work

Read Genesis 2:15. Work was designed by God before the fall. How does knowing that work is part of God's original plan shape your perspective on it?

Read Genesis 3:17-18. How has sin made work difficult? How do you experience this in your daily life?

Read Philippians 1:6. How does God's redemptive plan apply to our work?

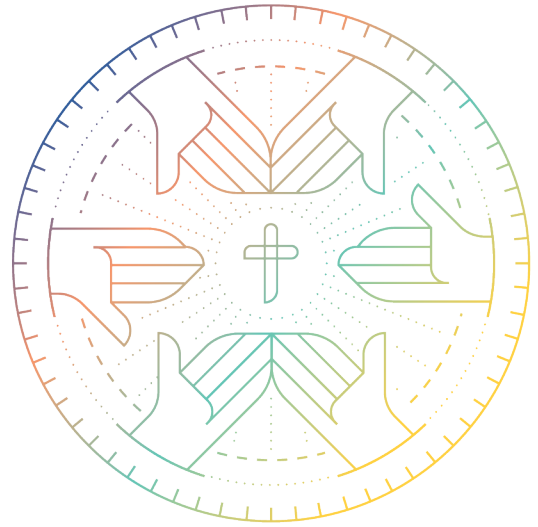
A Wise Worker vs. A Sluggard

Read Proverbs 6:6-8. What characteristics of the ant should we learn from? How does this passage challenge our attitudes toward work?

Read Colossians 3:23-24. What does it mean to work as for the Lord? How does this shift our motivation in difficult jobs or seasons of work?

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The Characteristics of a Sluggard

Read Proverbs 6:9-11. How does procrastination impact both work and our spiritual life? What small habits can we develop to avoid laziness?

APPLICATION

What's one thing you can do to work with greater purpose and excellence? Is there a way to bring greater character to your work?

If you're facing a challenge in your work, trust that God can take your efforts to form and shape your perseverance.

How could you improve your work ethic? Perhaps in your job, but also your home and spiritual life. What stands out to you?

How does the way we treat coworkers and employees demonstrate our faith? How can we raise the bar on treating others as Jesus would treat them?

What's one thing you can do in your work or sphere of relationships to "Make God Known" this week?

PRAYER

Heavenly Father, thank You for the gift of work and the opportunity to glorify You through it. Help us to be diligent, responsible, and faithful workers. Teach us to balance work and rest, to be lights in our workplaces, and to honor You in all that we do. May our work be a reflection of Your character and a testimony to those around us. In Jesus' name, Amen.