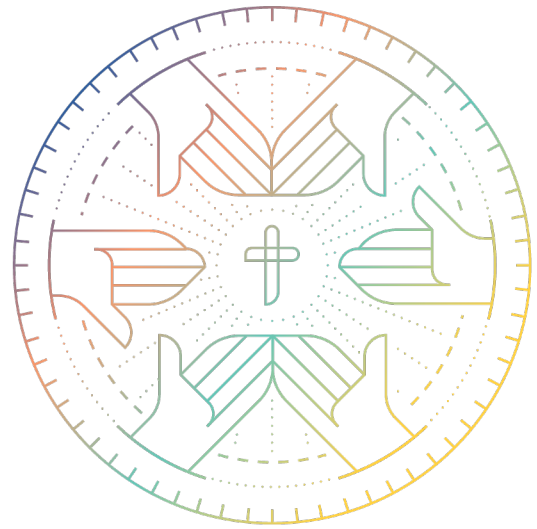


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SMALL GROUP GUIDE

Every Day Matters: “Work: Finding Purpose in What You Do”
Scripture Focus: Ephesians 5:15-17

ICEBREAKER

If you could only do one type of work the rest of your life, what would you choose and why?

OR

Do you tend to see your work (occupation, studies, caregiving, serving, etc) more as a responsibility, an opportunity, or a calling? Why?

INTRODUCTION

Work takes up a significant portion of our lives, yet it can be easy to feel disconnected, frustrated, or unsure of its purpose. Scripture reminds us that work is not just a necessity—it is part of God’s design. From the beginning, God created and worked, and He made us in His image to do the same. Although sin has made work difficult, it still carries meaning when done for God’s glory. Our work becomes empty when it defines us or feels disconnected from Him, but it becomes worship when we offer it back to God. Every task—whether seen or unseen—can carry eternal value when done with the right heart.

What stood out to you most from this week’s message?

INTO THE WORD

Read Genesis 1:1, Genesis 1:31, John 5:17 and Genesis 2:15. How does knowing that work existed before sin reshape your perspective on it?

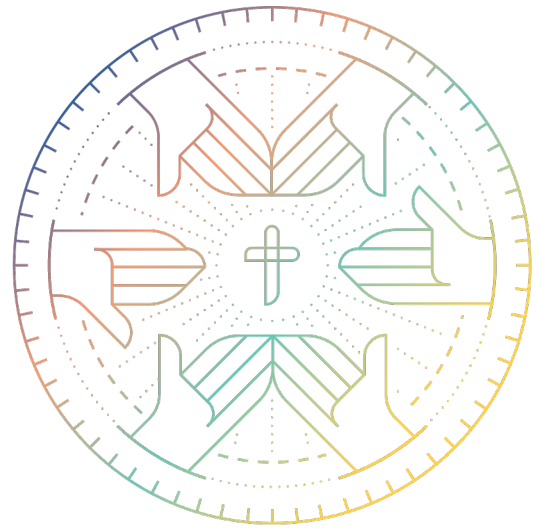
Read Genesis 3:17–19 and Ecclesiastes 2:22-23. Where do you most experience frustration, stress, or difficulty in your work? How can a biblical perspective guard you from discouragement or misplaced expectations?

Read Ephesians 6:6–8, Colossians 3:23 and 1 Corinthians 15:58. What does it practically look like to “work heartily, as for the Lord”, and how can using your spiritual gifts help you glorify God and build others up?

Read Ephesians 5:15–17 and Revelation 14:13. Do you tend to lean more towards viewing work as your identity, or something that is meaningless? What does it look like for work to be part of our worship?

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EMBRACE AND EMBODY

God has uniquely created and placed you with purpose. When we approach our actions and responsibilities through the “whatever you do” lens of Colossians 3:23, we begin to align our work with God’s will—living with intention, impacting others, and contributing to what has lasting value in His Kingdom. Your work matters!

Reflection Questions:

- Where do you feel you need to shift your perspective on your work? How might God be inviting you to use your gifts and talents to bring Him glory?
- What is one practical way you can begin to approach your work as worship this week?

TAKE YOUR NEXT RIGHT STEP

(Prayerfully consider one of the following next steps)

- **Worship God:** Before you start your work each day, pause and pray. Dedicate your time and efforts to God and be attentive to the Spirit’s presence and leading in your life.
- **Make God Known:** No matter the task this week, choose to have a joyful attitude and willing spirit. As you serve Jesus through your work, your actions will reflect God’s love and shine brightly to others. And if your actions pique their curiosity, take the time to share with them the hope you have in Jesus.

CLOSING PRAYER

Our Father in heaven, You are awesome, sovereign, and loving. Thank You for giving us the blessing of work, and the responsibility to steward Your creation for Your glory and our benefit. Help us to align our actions according to Your purpose and faithfully worship You through our work. In Jesus’ name, Amen!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Text “IMPACT” to 32000 to learn more about opportunities to pray, give, and get involved with what God is doing in the Asia Pacific region!