



Life Group Sermon Guide Questions 5 OCTOBER 2025



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What is the worst work experience you have ever had? According to the Washington Times, more people do not want to work and have chosen a life of idleness. Why do you think this is?

God's Design for Work

- Genesis 1–2 shows that work was part of God's original plan, not a punishment. How does that challenge the way we often think about work?
- Of the three biblical truths about work (work is commissioned by God, work reflects and continues God's creativity, work serves humanity), which one most encourages you? Which one is hardest to remember in your daily job?

Work as Influence

- Jesus says in Matthew 5:16 to let our light shine through "good works." How does this apply to the ordinary tasks we do at work (emails, meetings, customer service, teaching, parenting, etc.)?

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- Read Ephesians 5:15–17: What does it say about using our time? Do you think Christians could invest their 100,000 hours of time they will work in their lives more wisely for Kingdom purposes?

Jacob and Laban's Example (Genesis 30:27–30)

- Laban recognized God's blessing because of Jacob's work. Why do you think God used Jacob's "secular job" of shepherding to display His glory?
- How would your specific job and its objectives be different if approached from a biblical perspective? What aspects of your work might change, and what would likely stay the same?
- In what way can Christians in business reimagine their companies to be a blessing to employees, customers and the broader community? How might this impact their business practices and decisions?

Work and Blessing

- Jacob's faithfulness brought abundance to Laban's household. How have you seen God use faithful work to bring blessing to others, even outside the church walls?
- Do you believe work done God's way can bless entire companies, communities, or even nations (as seen in the Reformation's legacy)? Why or why not? Can you think of any personal examples?
- Considering the historical impact of the Protestant work ethic, how might a renewed emphasis on the sacredness of all work impact our current society and economy?
- Read Habakkuk 2:14: How can our daily work contribute to filling the earth with the knowledge of the glory of the Lord? What might this look like in practical terms?

