



Life Group
Sermon Guide Questions
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My Mission in the Marketplace



Part 1: Work is Good
GENESIS 30

Read Genesis 30:25-43

“Today, I will joyfully delight in my creative work - offering it for the glory of God, in service to others, and to help make my world a better place.”

- What words or phrases in that statement stand out to you?
- How do you feel about your own work when you hear this?

1. Work is Good: Read Genesis 1:27-28, 2:5, 2:15

- How does the biblical vision of work (Genesis 1–2) challenge the common view of work as a “necessary evil”?
- How does viewing work as “good” and part of God’s plan change your motivation on doing your daily tasks?

2. Work as Creative Participation

- Philosopher Al Wolters says human beings carry on where God left off, creatively forming and filling the earth. How does that challenge or expand your vision of your daily labor?

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- Read Psalm 104:31. The Psalmist said that the Lord took pleasure in his work. Is there any part of your work that greatly pleases you?

3. Work as Service to Others

- Martin Luther claimed, “God himself will milk the cows through the vocation of the milkmaid.” In other words, God would serve His people through the hands of a humble milkmaid. How does this change how we think about so-called “menial” jobs?
- Discuss how your work might serve the people in your family, community, and even the world.

4. Work as a Place of Thorns and Thistles: Read Genesis 3:16-19

- Discuss the “thorns and thistles” in your work. How do you deal with the difficulties and frustrations that come with your work? How can we find satisfaction in our work despite the challenges introduced by the fall?
- How do you discern when to endure the difficulty of a job versus when it may be right to move on (like Jacob eventually did)?
- Jacob was cheated and frustrated by Laban—yet God still used his work. What encouragement can we draw from this in our own workplaces?

5. Work as Witness and Worship

- Pastor Chad mentioned that all work can be the “work of priests.” How can you approach work more as a “sacred” calling rather than “just a job”? What does it mean for you to “make your work your worship”?

Read Colossians 3:23-24 and Matthew 5:16.

Discuss these verses and how you can apply them to your daily work.

Closing Prayer

Pray **Psalm 90:17** together: “Let the favor of the Lord our God be upon us, and establish the work of our hands upon us; yes, establish the work of our hands!”



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