



Life Group Sermon Guide Questions 19 OCTOBER 2025



“When Work Becomes An Idol”

MY MISSION IN THE MARKETPLACE (PART 3)

Opening Reflection

- **Read Genesis 11:1–9** together. What stands out to you about the people’s motivation in building the city and tower?

Work and Pride (Genesis 11:4)

- 1) What do you think it means to “make a name for ourselves” today?
- 2) What ways can good work become self-glorifying?
- 3) How might pride show up in the workplace — even in “religious” work?
- 4) **Read Ezekiel 28:4–5**. What happened to the King of Tyre? Why does God deal with him so harshly?

Work and Identity

- 1) What part of your work or title is most important to your sense of identity or value?
- 2) Paul had an impressive résumé (Philippians 3:4–6). How did his view of success change when he met Christ? (Read also Galatians 2:20)
- 3) If you lost your job or role tomorrow, how would you respond? What would sustain your identity?

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Selfish Work

- 1) How was the work at Babel selfish? Read Philippians 2:3-4, Ephesians 4:28. What does it say about our motivations in all things?
- 2) How can your work serve and bless others rather than just promote yourself?
- 3) Who benefits from the work you do — and how could that circle widen?

Work and Security

- 1) Why do you think the people at Babel didn't want to be scattered?
- 2) How might our approach to work (or life) change if we truly believed that God, not our job, is our ultimate security. What fears might we need to confront?
- 3) What are some ways people look to their work for safety or control?
- 4) What does Psalm 20:7 and Matthew 6:31-33 say about our security? How can we practically express trust in God when our job or income feels uncertain?

Work and My Need for God

- 1) What did Pastor Chad say was the significance of building a tower with its top in the heavens? What were the people of Babel trying to accomplish? What are ways work can subtly crowd out our dependence on God?
- 2) How can regular rhythms of worship, Sabbath, and prayer help guard against work-idolatry?
- 3) **Read Colossians 3:23-24.** What does it mean to “work for the Lord”? What might this look like in your current job or role?

Closing Reflection / Prayer

- How can we discern when our work has become an idol in our lives?
- What are some warning signs to watch out for?

Take a moment to pray for one another — that your work this week would glorify God and bless others.



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