

GROUP DISCUSSION

Questions for facilitating dynamic discussion

Made For Work Genesis 2:15

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Over a century ago when Labor Day was first established, the day before the holiday was called “Labor Sunday” and pastors would preach on “the spiritual aspects of labor.” This year at The Compass Church, we joined that old tradition and studied what the bible says about work. As we view our jobs increasing as God does, we will find this big part of our lives growing in beauty and significance.

Kicking it off: If you could choose a different career and be guaranteed to be exceptional at it, what career would you pick?

Discussion:

1. In order to ensure that all benefit from the application of this study, clarify the “work” that God has called the following people to: Students, Unemployed, Stay-At-Home Parents, Retired.
2. Reread *Genesis 2:15* The LORD God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it.

What is the implication of the fact that this verse comes before Adam and Eve’s decision to eat of the forbidden fruit (Genesis 3)?

3. Reread *Genesis 2:2-3* God finished the work he had been doing, so on the seventh day he rested from all his work. Then God blessed the seventh day and made it holy, because on it he rested from all the work of creating.

Knowing that we are created in God’s image, what does this verse teach about us?

4. Like God, we were made to create. What does your job create? If the answer is not immediately evident to you, look to the group for help.
5. Reread *Genesis 2:5* There was no one to work the ground.

God made this unusual statement about the “good” earth that He created. What does this tell us about the nature of the world God made? Why did God make the world this way?

6. Notice that the English words “work” and “worship” start with the same three letters. The similarity in Hebrew is much more profound and not coincidental. The same Hebrew word (Avodah) can be translated “work” or “worship.” In what ways does God view work as worship?
7. How can a robust “theology of work” improve a person’s job satisfaction?

Wrapping It Up: Pray that your work would become worship.