

Discussion Guide

"Chasing Success"

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Starter Think back over the jobs you've had—whether it was your very first job, a career you've loved, or even an unexpected assignment. What's one thing you learned about yourself or God through your work?

Sermon Summary

What if your work is more than a paycheck or a daily responsibility? God designed work to be a gift and a calling, giving us opportunities to worship Him, serve others, and make an eternal impact. Discover how to find purpose in your everyday work by approaching it as an opportunity to honor God and live out your faith wherever He has placed you.

ACT

As you absorb sermons, read, or participate in group discussion, take notes and make a plan to apply what God's teaching you.

A (Action): Mark important ideas with an **"A"** to remind you to take action.
C (Contemplate): Use a **"C"** to mark ideas you want to process further.
T (Transfer/Teach): If it's something you need to teach to someone else, note it with a **"T."**

Read

What do these Scriptures teach you about God's character? (Read some or all verses together.)

Ecclesiastes 2:17–23
Psalm 104:23
Colossians 3:23–24
Ecclesiastes 5:18–20
Joshua 24:15
Matthew 6:19–21
Genesis 2:1–15
Exodus 8:1
John 5:17
Genesis 3:17

Discuss

Choose questions to keep the discussion moving. There's no need to discuss every question.

1. We often think of work as something we *must* do rather than something God has *called* us to do. How has your perspective on work changed throughout different seasons of your life?
2. The sermon reminds us that work was God's idea before sin entered the world. How does knowing that God designed work change the way you view your daily responsibilities?
3. How can you make your everyday work an act of worship, even when your job is difficult, stressful, or unfulfilling?
4. The pastor emphasized that our work is a vehicle through which we honor God, not a place where we find our worth. Why is it sometimes difficult to separate our identity from what we do?

5. The sermon challenged us to see our work as a calling and an opportunity to live on mission. Who are some people God has placed in your everyday environment that you could encourage, serve, or influence for Christ?

Go Deeper

1. Study Exodus 31:1–11 (Bezalel: working with God-given gifts). What abilities or talents has God given you that you could use to serve Him and bless others?
2. Study Matthew 25:14–30 (parable of the talents). What resources, opportunities, or responsibilities has God entrusted to you, and how can you be more intentional about using them for His purposes?
3. Study Acts 9:36–42 (Dorcas: making a difference through everyday work). What practical needs do you see around you that God might be inviting you to meet through your time, talents, or resources?

Apply

1. Begin each day by thanking God for the opportunity to work. Instead of viewing Monday as something to endure, ask God to help you see it as a ministry assignment.
2. Choose one area where you can demonstrate greater integrity, diligence, or excellence. Remember that your work is ultimately an offering to the Lord.
3. Identify one person in your workplace, school, neighborhood, or home whom you can encourage, serve, or support this week. Look for opportunities to demonstrate the love of Jesus through your actions.
4. Take time to remind yourself that your worth comes from being a child of God, not from your title, accomplishments, income, or professional success. Let that truth shape how you approach your work.

Pray

Here are some prayer points:

1. Ask God to change the way you see your everyday responsibilities and help you recognize work as His good gift and a calling.
2. Pray for the strength to work wholeheartedly, demonstrate integrity, and honor God even when circumstances are difficult.
3. Ask the Holy Spirit to open your eyes to people and opportunities around you where you can demonstrate God's love and grace.
4. Pray that your identity would remain rooted in Christ rather than your work, accomplishments, or circumstances. Ask God to use your everyday efforts to make an impact that outlasts you.

Leadership Tip

Not everyone in your group works outside the home; some may be retired, students, stay-at-home parents, between jobs, or navigating a difficult season. Emphasize that God's calling isn't limited to a traditional job or ministry position. Wherever people are in life, they have opportunities to serve God and others. Invite group members to consider where they spend most of their time and how their attitudes, words, integrity, and relationships can reflect Jesus. Remind them that everyday life is an opportunity to make a difference for God's kingdom.