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Does My work Matter To God? Part 1

GENESIS 1:26-28 | WEEK 2

Opening Questions

1. Describe the best and worst jobs you have ever had? What were the main differences?
2. Have you ever been in a job for which you weren't a good fit? Describe that experience.
3. Do you think most people you know are happy in their jobs? Why or why not?

In the Word

1. What question(s) do you have about Pastor Carter's message? What more would you like to know about work from the Bible or God's point of view?
2. Read [Genesis 1:26-31](#). Pastor Carter explained that the word "subdue" in verse 28 means "to wrestle with the earth and wring profit from its hands." Discuss what "work" looked like for Adam and Eve in the garden. How did God's creation and Adam & Eve benefit?
4. Read [Genesis 2:15](#). Discuss how work is described here and why. What are the benefits?
5. Read [Genesis 1:26](#). Pastor Carter's first two points were, "we were created to work," and "we need to understand how we are to work."
6. Read [Genesis 3:17-19](#). Discuss how "the fall" (sin) changed work and life.
7. Read [Genesis 2:2](#). Discuss how God intends for rest to balance work. What is true and real rest?

8. Pastor Carter also mentioned five purposes for work: serve people, meet our own needs, meet our family's needs, earn money to give, and love God. How are these purposes seen in [Genesis 1-3](#)?

Making It Personal

1. Describe to your group how well your current work fits with what God intends.
2. Look back at the five purposes in question 8 above. In which purpose(s) are you currently excelling? What are the biggest growth areas and challenges for you in these areas?
3. When it comes to rest, true rest and balancing work and rest, what are the biggest challenges for you and your family? What changes do you need to make? How can your group help support and encourage you through this?
4. Spend some time in open and honest sharing about the struggles and challenges associated with work, sin, rest, and trying to maintain healthy balance through life. Pray for one another.

Continued Learning

1. Is there someone outside of your group (or inside) who has struggled in an extreme way with job loss and unemployment? How can your group reach out to them and help encourage them?

Additional Notes