



Community Group Guide

WORK AS WORSHIP

INTRODUCTION

This weekend we looked at work and how to work for the glory of God as an act of worship. God created man so that he would work and keep God's created paradise. However, because of sin, man's work was made difficult, painful, and frustrating. Praise God that He sent Jesus to redeem all that was lost in the Fall! Now, because of the Gospel, we can find joy in working for the glory of God in all that we do.

ICE BREAKER

What was the worst part-time (or maybe full time) job you've ever had & why?

TRANSITION

Work is one of those topics that everybody can relate to on some level. What was a key takeaway from the sermon this weekend for how you relate your faith to your work?

QUESTIONS

Why Do We Work: Genesis 1:26-30, 2:15

1. In God's original plan of creation, what role does work play for Adam and Eve?
2. How does God's command for us to work separate us from the rest of creation?
3. How could this the idea you are "created to work" helpful for how you approach your work?





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Why Work is Hard: Genesis 3:17-19

1. What is the difference between the work of Adam in the Garden of Eden and the work that we do today?
2. Based on Genesis 3:17-19, how does sin affect our work?
3. We've all experienced frustration in work. What story/experience can you share of how you've experienced the frustrating side of work?

How the Gospel Redeems Work: 1 Corinthians 10:31

1. The beautiful thing about the Gospel is that Jesus came to redeem everything. How does He redeem our work?
2. How does the Gospel give me hope when I experience failure or disappointment in my work life??
3. How does the Gospel give us hope for the future in regards to work?





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PRAYER

Psalm 90:16-17- "Let your work be shown to your servants, and your glorious power to their children. 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!"

We were created to glorify God with the work of our hands. Though sin poisoned God's beautiful design for work, the Gospel brings us great hope that our work can be redeemed. God gives us the grace that empowers us to work with joy for His glory. With this truth in mind pray for :

1. The people of Mercy Church to find joy in the work that the Lord has given them to do.
2. Our heart to be set on glorifying God in our daily jobs.
3. God to give us the boldness and the grace to share His Gospel with those who we work with.