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WORK AS WORSHIP

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.

INTRODUCTION

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

The following questions are separated into the three main points that we talked through this weekend. Each section has a primary Bible passage that it is built off of. Feel free to have your group turn there and read each passage to help answer the 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?
 - a. The work that God gives to man is directly tied to the command to "fill the earth and subdue it" (Genesis 1:28). God did not want to make man His labor force. Rather He wanted man to rule (or subdue) creation with God so that God and man could share in relationship with one another.





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2. How does God's command for us to work separate us from the rest of creation?
 - a. The rest of creation passively exists. Man is the only created being that God put in charge of all that He had created. God's purpose in creating man was not simply for man to exist. Man's work plays a large role in the purpose of his creation.

3. How could this the idea you are "created to work" helpful for how you approach your work?

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?
 - a. His work was enjoyable and life giving. Our work doing can be hard, draining, and frustrating.

2. Based on Genesis 3:17-19, how does sin affect our work?
 - a. It makes it painful, difficult, tiring, challenging, and it will take a great effort.

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?
 - a. When Jesus comes in and changed our hearts, we are no longer slaves to the curses of sin. Apart from the Gospel, we are enslaved to working for



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ourselves for our own selfish gain. Jesus' redemption now allows us to joyfully work for His great glory.

2. How does the Gospel give me hope when I experience failure or disappointment in my work life??
 - a. The Gospel gives you a new identity as a son or a daughter of God. You no longer find your worth in how you perform. This allows us to be okay with failure in our work.

3. How does the Gospel give us hope for the future in regards to work?

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.