



Part 1: Why Your Work Matters

Big Idea

God is at work in your work.

Key Scriptures

Genesis 1:26–2:3

Genesis 3:17–18

Romans 8:3

Colossians 3:23–24

Discussion Questions

- What was your first ever job, and what do you remember most about it?
- If you rank your current relationship with work on a scale from “I love it, I get excited” to “I’m just counting down to the weekend,” where would you sit, and why?
- The message shared that in research, only about 1 in 4 people feel engaged at work on an average day, while roughly two thirds feel “not engaged.” Does that match what you’ve noticed in yourself or the people around you?
- Chris mentioned, most people don’t hate their jobs, they just don’t find the meaning they crave. Do you relate? Why do you think so many people look to their work for purpose?
- If you had to rank yourself on a scale from “purpose” to “paycheck,” where would you land right now, and has that changed over the years?
- What stood out to you most from Sunday’s message?

Read Genesis 1:26–28

- What stands out to you about the way human beings are described here?
- The message reframed “be fruitful, multiply, fill, govern” as four callings: steward, create, multiply, and expand. Which of those feels most alive in your work right now, and which feels hardest?

Read Genesis 2:1–3

- We learn from Genesis that work isn’t a curse on humanity but a calling. Why do you think God includes work in his original design before brokenness (sin) enter the world?
- The message said, “work isn’t a curse, it’s a human calling.” Was that a new idea for you, and does it shift how you see your own work?
- Two lines from the message were “all good work is sacred” and “your work is worship.” What is one ordinary task in your week that’s hard to picture as worship, and could seeing it that way change how you approach it?

Read Genesis 3:17–18

- The message called the hard, frustrating parts of work our “thorns and thistles.” What are the thorns and thistles in your current season of work?
- The message said Jesus wants to be present in the brokenness of our work, not just the wins. What would it look like to bring one of those frustrations to him this week?
- If you’re exploring faith for the first time, when have you felt real satisfaction or meaning in your work, and where do you think that sense comes from?

Read Colossians 3:23–24

- The message said, “what you do isn’t as important as who you do it for.” How might working “as though for the Lord” change an ordinary Monday for you?

Challenge Question (For Takeaway):

This week, try “The Monday Practice” as a way of noticing that God is at work in your work:

- Notice: Pick one ordinary task and do it as worship, as though you were working for the Lord.
- Delight: At the end of a work day, name one piece of good work you did and thank God for it.
- Surrender: Name one “thorn or thistle” frustrating you at work, and bring it to Jesus in prayer.