



A SACRED CALLING

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Work: A Sacred Calling

Creation began with work. Therefore, it only makes sense that God would call His creation to work in many different ways to bring glory to His name. When most of us think of “work” we think of a job that we go to and leave each day. Matt explains that work is ongoing but that we should be intentional to rest as God did on the seventh day of creation. There are also many areas outside of our jobs that we “work” in each day: marriage, parenting, relationships, serving, spiritual growth, etc. Finding balance in our different areas of work is important, as is remembering that all work is done for God and not for the approval of man.

Questions:

1. How is work defined by our culture? How does this differ from the biblical view of work that Matt discusses in this week’s teaching?
2. Matt mentions three areas in which we are called to devote our energy and abilities...
 - a. “... to provide for my needs and the needs of those God has entrusted to me.”
 - b. “... to promote the peace and prosperity of my community.”
 - c. “... to make this world better in anticipation of the New Heaven and New Earth.”What work are you currently doing in each of these areas? If you have never considered these areas before, what changes can you make to address them?
3. The season of life that we are in can impact the work that we do and what we are able to concentrate on. Based on your current season, in what areas might you be overworking and what areas might you be neglecting? Pray with your group that God show you those neglected areas and how you can place more energy in them.
4. Colossians 3:23 says “Work willingly at whatever you do, as though you were working for the Lord rather than for people.” Sometimes we lose sight of the purpose of our work and ignore God’s call because it seems insignificant. Have you ever dismissed tasks or areas of work because they felt unimportant? How can this verse impact our attitude as we work? What steps can you take to remember that God is our primary audience.....not our boss, co-workers, etc.?