



Work as Worship

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Icebreaker: What was your very first job, or the worst job you've ever had? (Bonus points for the best story.)

1. "Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men." (Colossians 3:23, ESV) Pastor Tom compared our Sunday-self and Monday-self to the innies and outies in Severance. Where do you feel that split most, and what would "as for the Lord" change about your Monday?
2. In Genesis 1:27-28, God blessed humanity before giving them any work to do. Where are you most tempted to work for your worth instead of from it?
3. "Thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you." (Genesis 3:18, ESV) What are the thorns in your work right now? How does it help to know that Jesus wore those thorns as a crown and walks in with you on Monday?
4. "For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them." (Ephesians 2:10, ESV) What good work do you sense God has prepared for you in your current job or season, even if it's not your dream role?
5. Brother Lawrence, a 17th-century monastery cook, said he felt as close to God in the noise of his kitchen as he did on his knees in prayer. Paul calls this kind of everyday offering "your spiritual worship." (Romans 12:1, ESV) What is one ordinary task this week you could intentionally offer to God as worship?
6. Tim Keller said, "When work is your identity, success goes to your head, and failure goes to your heart." The sermon named two kinds of people: those who dread work and those who worship it. Which way do you lean, and what would it look like to stop asking your job to give you what only Christ can?