

## **5-WEEK STUDY**

### on Why our Work Matters to God

## WEEK 5 DISCUSSION GUIDE

Work and Co-Mission 1 Corinthians 3:9



# Nine to Five

#### WEEKLY READING

Primary text from this week: 1 Corinthians 3:9

#### **GETTING STARTED**

Goal for this session: To be motivated to live out our calling as full-time ministers and co-workers with Christ Missed the sermon? Watch it at www.youtube.com/venturamissionary Break the Ice: What is your least favorite household chore and why?

#### **DISCUSSION QUESTIONS**

- 1. This week, Pastor Doug commissioned our church into full-time ministry. What was that experience like for you?
- 2. Throughout this series, Pastor Doug has made it clear that our work encompasses more than just a job we get paid for; it might include things like raising a family, taking care of grandkids, grocery shopping, preparing meals, taking care of a home, caring for aging parents or family members, and much more. What is your work?
- 3. This week, Pastor Doug talked about the importance of understanding how our work serves others. How does your work serve others, meet needs, or make the world a better place?
- 4. Have you ever thought about your work as ministry? What does that understanding change about the way you think about your work?
- 5. Have someone read **Matthew 3:18-22**. In this passage, Jesus calls His disciples to leave their occupation (their work) and follow Him. Do you think this means that *ministry work* or *church work* is more important than other kinds of work? Explain.
- 6. Read the following examples of people at work in the Bible. What are some things you notice about each of them and their performance at work?
  -Joseph in Genesis 39:1-6
  -Moses in Exodus 18:13-26
  -Daniel in Daniel 6:1-5
- 7. As we wrap up this series on the theology of work, what has shifted in the way you view work?





#### PRAYER

**Pray for (the group) and each other:** Pray that everyone in the group would discover new ways to integrate their faith with their work this week.

Pray for yourself: Pray that you would find ways to serve people through your work.

**Pray for your four:** Identify four people who don't know Jesus (friends, family, neighbors, or co-workers/ classmates), and commit to pray for them consistently. Pray that **(1)** God would reveal Jesus to them, **(2)** that God would turn their hearts towards Him, **(3)** that God would put Christians in their path to represent Christ, and **(4)** that God would give you an opportunity to share what Christ has done in your life.

#### **ACTION STEPS**

This week, pull out your *Full-Time Minister* card each day before you start your work and read one of the passages on the card to remind yourself that your work matters to God.

#### NOTES

