



Nine to Five

5-WEEK STUDY

on Why our Work Matters to God

WEEK 5

DISCUSSION GUIDE

Work and Co-Mission

1 Corinthians 3:9





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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?

