

Work That Matters: 2 Thessalonians 3
The Hope-Driven Life
Discussion Questions

1. Have you ever experienced a season where you felt disconnected or detached from your work? What contributed to that feeling, and how did it affect other areas of your life?
2. When you think about the phrase "your work matters," what immediately comes to mind? Do you naturally believe this about your own job, or do you struggle to find purpose in your work?
3. Read 2 Thessalonians 3:6-12. Paul uses strong language about "disorderly" living and idleness. Why do you think he takes this issue so seriously? What's at stake beyond just individual laziness?
4. Genesis 2:15-17 shows that God gave Adam work to do in the Garden of Eden—before sin entered the world. What does it reveal about God's original design and purpose for humanity and how does it impact the way we see and live out our work today?
5. How does our work reflect God's image as Creator? In what specific ways do you see yourself bringing order from chaos, creating beauty, or making something useful in your daily work?
6. How does our work serve our neighbor? Think practically about your job or daily responsibilities—whose needs are being met through what you do, even if you never see or interact with those people directly?
7. How does our work point to the Kingdom that's coming? What aspects of your work might give us a preview or foretaste of the renewed creation where work will be done without frustration or futility?
8. Think about your current job or primary daily responsibilities. How might viewing your work as "imaging God" (creating order from chaos, bringing beauty, meeting needs) change the way you approach it this week?
9. The text suggests that good work creates credibility and opens doors to share the gospel. Have you seen this play out in your own life or witnessed it in others? How can excellence in our work become an evangelistic tool for spread of the Gospel?

Take time to pray for one another—specifically regarding your work, whether that's a formal job, caring for family, volunteering, or studying. Pray that God would help each person see their work as meaningful and find fresh motivation to work "as for the Lord."