

CELL DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

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WORKPLACE SERIES: BUSINESS & THE POOR

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- To really understand work from a Biblical perspective we must go back to the story of creation in Genesis 1. In Genesis we see that God is a worker and therefore work is a holy calling.
- God is our model and based on His model of work through the creation story we see that God displays:
- Productivity
- Creativity
- Stewardship
- Shabbat – rest and work integration
- Risk-taking
- Creation of an environment for human flourishing
- His ultimate objective: to create family

ASK

Looking at God's model of work, what are some lessons we can learn from Him? How can these lessons help us improve in our own work? Share your journeys with each other.

- God created a beautiful world before He created man. He placed Adam and Eve in an environment that was flourishing and where they could grow and thrive to be strong. Strong individuals make strong families that then form the basis of strong communities and societies.
- In the Garden of Eden, Adam and Eve were tasked to look after the garden and all that God had created. So we see that man was not just created for relationship or for family but also for work. Work restores God's image. Work confers dignity.

ASK

Looking at our own workplace, what are we currently doing to create environments for human flourishing? What else can we do to build such an environment and to confer dignity in our workplaces? Encourage one other with creative ideas or suggestions that we can implement in our workplaces.

- Ultimately our work is not just for ourselves, it is unto the Lord and it is part of God's restorative work here on earth. If our work and businesses don't result in strong societies then ultimately they are in vain.

ASK

How can we move towards making our current work help build strong societies? Perhaps God has laid a burden upon your heart in the area of using your time, talent and treasure to build up and empower the poor in a creative way. Share with each other.

PRAY

Make a renewed commitment to surrender our hearts and the work of our hands to the Lord, that we would truly be able to see our work as being unto Him. Pray that we would be diligent in learning from God's model of work and applying it to our own work lives. Pray for each other that God would give us divine inspiration and creativity to carry out new things that would count towards building environments of human flourishing no matter where He has called us!