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CHURCH

# Small Group Notes

Sermon: 18 September 2022



# SCRIPTURE

Mark 1:16-20

## OVERVIEW

On Sunday we looked at Mark 1:16-20, the call to the first of Jesus's disciples and our call to follow Jesus with our work.

It's really important to have a vision for our work, why we do what we do and to have faith to see God in it.

Here are 2 incorrect visions of work:

### **1) Work as punishment**

Some of us see work as punishment. Just to pay the bills. People taking advantage of us and not giving us credit when we do a good job. We work because we have to - not because there's any joy in it.

### **2) Work as our primary purpose**

Work defines who we are. We are respected, needed and important because we work and because we're good at what we do. Without work we feel lost and insignificant. Rest is hard because it doesn't 'achieve' anything. "We are what we do"

The right vision is this:

### **3) Work is partnership with Jesus**

- God wants us to be a bearer of kingdom values
- God wants to use our ordinary for His extraordinary
- God leads, we follow

## **QUESTIONS**

1. What is your experience of work? Do you consider work to be punishment/primary purpose or partnership?
2. How did looking at this passage change your view in what/who Jesus uses for his kingdom?
3. Is there a skill/call you have overlooked that Jesus might want to use?
4. Do you have faith stories of following Jesus in the ordinary and God using it in extraordinary ways?