

## LIFE HACKS PT 2: WORK

We live in a world that loves a shortcut. We look for the easy way all of the time. If we can get something faster, cheaper, and with as little stress as possible, we'll go all in! However, God made us for something more. God created us and called us to do something important: work.

Big Idea: Hard work, works.

## **DISCUSSION QUESTIONS**

- 1. What comes to your mind when you think about the word work? Does the Bible's positive view of work surprise you? Why or why not?
- 2. Read <u>Genesis 1:26-28</u>. In Genesis 1 we are told to "fill, multiply, subdue, and rule." Any work that does these things is good and honorable work. Can you see how your work fits into "fill, subdue, and rule?"
- 3. Read <u>Genesis 3:16-19</u>. Because of the Fall of man and the curse upon creation, work is hard, painful, frustrating, and even feels futile. Have you ever felt this way about your work? What keeps you going?
- 4. Read <u>Proverbs 10:4-5; 12:11,14, and 18:9</u>. What grabs your attention in these texts? What does God have to say about laziness? How does laziness lead to destruction? What gets destroyed by laziness?
- 5. Would you categorize yourself as a procrastinator? What methods of procrastination do you like to employ?
- 6. Read <u>Proverbs 13:11; 28:19; and 14:23</u>. When have you worked hard to achieve something significant? Share a story about a time when your hard work allowed you to accomplish something great. How did you feel before and after succeeding?
- 7. Are there any jobs that you value above others? Are there jobs that you look down on? How might this reveal an idol in your heart?
- 8. In the message, Carlo said, "We don't have to work to earn a right standing with Jesus (<u>Ephesians 2:8-9</u>). Now, we get to work hard as an act of worship." What do you think about "work as worship?"
- 9. We must also work in response to God's gifting. The skillful worker stands before kings (<u>Proverbs 22:29</u>). Have you been able to see where God has gifted you? How can you use your gifts and passions for the church using it for king Jesus?