

PART ONE: JESUS IS MY BOSS

We will spend fifty to sixty percent of our lives at work, yet research tells us that over eighty percent of us are dissatisfied with our jobs. If we're going to spend that much time at work, then we better learn to love it or we're going to be miserable for half of our life. Today, Pastor Chris offers a perspective on work that could forever change your experience *on the job*.

BIG IDEA: The purpose of your life @work is to show that God is @work in your life.

## **DISCUSSION QUESTIONS**

- 1. What was your first job? What one memory (good or bad) sticks out to you about that first job?
- 2. What is one thing you love about your current job? What is one thing that frustrates you?
- 3. *Read Genesis 2 and 3*. When did God introduce work—after sin entered the world or before? (Focus on Genesis 2:15 and Genesis 3:17-19)

God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and take care of it. Genesis 2:15

God said, "Cursed is the ground because of you. All your life you will struggle to scratch a living from it. It will grow thorns and thistles for you, though you will eat of its grains. By the sweat of your brow will you have food to eat until you return to the ground." Genesis 3:17-19

- 4. Chris mentioned four main reasons we go to work: to pay the bills, to find our identities, to be successful, to find purpose/significance. Which of these most closely captures your primary reason for going to work? Why?
- 5. Read Colossians 3:23.

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- 6. What do you think it means to work "as working for the Lord"? Share about a time when you felt like you were doing this.
- 7. What makes it difficult to truly work for God? What are some of the distractions and circumstances that keep us from honoring God with our work?
- 8. What is one thing you can do this week at work to more fully work for God?

## MOVING FORWARD

Far from being a punishment or a curse, work is actually a blessing, first given to us by God in the garden of Eden. And because work is a blessing, there is no such thing as a job without purpose. *The purpose of your life @work is to show that God is @work in your life.* What are one or two ways you can do that this week?

## CHANGING YOUR MIND

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