

Looking for a Group to connect and dive deeper in your relationship with God and others? Check out *Group Life* on our app or contact Connections Pastor, Dustin Bramer, at dbramer@myhope.church.



Community Group Questions: 1 Thess. 4

- What makes something “spiritual” and something else “unspiritual?” In other words, what is the difference between “spiritual and sacred?” Do you know why you define it like that?
- The origins “spirituality” from a Christian perspective comes from the Greek noun *pneuma*, meaning “spirit or breath.” Interestingly, “spirit” was not the opposite of the “physical” or “material.” It was the opposite of “flesh.” A “spiritual person” was simply a person within whom the Spirit of God dwelt. How does that description change the way you think about “spiritual work?”
- In this series, we have confronted the reality that work has become “unspiritual” to many of us. If we don’t work at a church or a charity, we struggle to see our work as “spiritual.” Think about the work you do every week (in or out of the home)...can you see how it might be “spiritual?”
- Paul sees a clear relationship between faith and work. For him, the resurrection of Jesus should motivate us to do meaningful work. Is that connection clear to you? Why or why not?
- It has been said that our relationship with God is by grace through faith. In other words, the way we love God is through faith. But our relationship with others is through meaningful work. So, we love others by doing work that serves them. Do you agree with that? Why or why not?