

III. The Rhythms God has Built Into Life

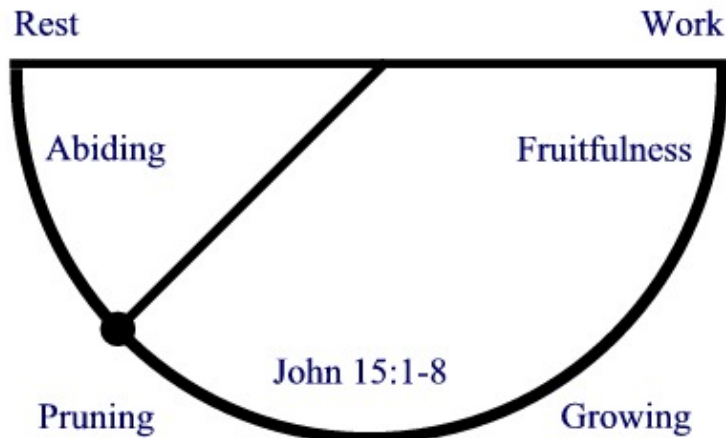
- A. The Various Rhythms of Life
- B. The way that we fit into those rhythms

Conclusion: A New Way to Look at Rest & Work

- A. Rest – a necessary time of pruning & preparation
 - B. Work – a time to glorify God
 - C. Application: As a result of listening to this message, what Good News do I have to share with others?
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The Semi-Circle

Genesis 1:26-2:3 * Genesis 2:15 * Genesis 3:8-9



Sermon Notes

January 12, 2020 – John 15:1-8

Life Shapes 2: Living in Rhythm with Jesus (semi-circle)

Summary: Failure to function as God designed us can lead to burnout or a wasted life. But with a life-giving rhythm of rest and work that is anchored in and attuned to Jesus, our life can be sustainably fruitful.

Big Idea: Through a rhythm of work and rest that is anchored in Jesus, our lives are able to produce lasting fruit for God's Mission.

Intro: Different beliefs about work

- A. Can lead to _____ in a relationship
- B. Biblical perspectives about work and rest
 1. Failing to function in the way God _____ us can lead to a burned-out or wasted life
 2. God's Mission: The redemption & restoration of all things through _____ .
 3. **Big Idea:** Through a rhythm of work and rest that is anchored in Jesus, our lives are able to produce sustained _____ in God's Mission.

I. A Biblical Understanding of Work and Rest

- A. God made us to be fruitful (Gen. 1:26-2:3, 15)
 1. We were made by God to _____ and rest
 2. We were made by God to begin with _____
 3. The semi-circle

B. The Hand Print of God

1. All of us were made in the _____ of God
 - a. Like a handprint in concrete
 - b. Only _____ hand can fill that handprint on us
2. But we try to fill that handprint with other things
 - a. Work: We _____ ourselves out
 - b. Leisure: We _____ God's call to be fruitful

II. Jesus Restores Us to the Rhythm of Life

A. Jesus came into this world to pay the full cost of our disordered affections

1. Only Jesus is God the Son who became fully human
 - a. To suffer the _____ consequences of putting work or rest before God
 - b. To rise from the dead to assure us that, with Him, our life
 - i. Is forever _____ both in our work & rest
 - ii. Has the _____ of making a difference that will last forever in the new heaven & earth
2. The first key to learning to live a life-giving rhythm to life is to keep our eyes on _____

- a. And let Him help us to fall more in _____ with Him
- b. When Jesus becomes the One that we love the most everything else in our lives will fall into its proper _____
- c. Then, with Jesus' help, we will be able to develop a life-giving rhythm of life that produces _____ that will last.

B. The Vine & the Branches (John 15:1-8)

1. A grapevine & its branches
 - a. The _____ between the branches & the vine
 - b. The rhythm of _____ & growing
 - c. The result: Fruitfulness
2. Application for us
 - a. The _____ of a life-giving connection with Jesus
 - b. The _____
 - i. Rest – pruning – abiding
 - ii. Work – growing – fruitfulness
 - c. The result: Fruitfulness for God's kingdom