Meaningless Work

(Texts Ecc 2:4-11, 2:18-26, 3:9-15, 4:4-8)

Work is a _____ from God.

You are to do your work _____ the ____.

Work is to be for _____ not us for _____.

You will never be _____ by your work.

We are called to _____ our work and _____ God in it.

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Group Questions

- 1. What do you and the people around you think is necessary to be truly happy?
- 2. Why do we continue to think possessing more than we have right now will make us happy when we are not happy with what we have?
- 3. Why do pleasurable experience and the accumulation of money and things not ultimately satisfy?
- 4. Why do most of us kill ourselves to succeed in work despite the Bible's repeated warnings that we do not get to take our stuff with us when we die?
- 5. Were you given the impression growing up in church that pleasure was to be avoided? Why do you think that was what you were taught?
- 6. What do we often think we need to do for God to be pleased with us? What does the Bible say is the path to God's pleasure?
- 7. What are some ways we use pleasure, possessions, relationships, and work in ways God did not design?
- 8. What are some ways we can enjoy pleasure, possessions, relationships, and work in ways God did design?
- 9. How can we fight against finding satisfaction in created things and instead find it in God alone?