

Every Good Endeavour Discussion Questions

There are more questions in this guide than we will have space for on our discussion night. Use them as a guide for your deepening thoughts as you navigate the book. This discussion guide is a selection of questions from Gospel City Network and you can find it here: <https://gospelcitynetwork.com/2017/11/03/every-good-endeavor-study-guide/>

Pre-amble Questions

1. Overall impressions of the book (rate 1-10)?
2. What were some of the things you most appreciated? Feel free to share a quote.
3. What was something you struggled or disagreed with? Feel free to share a quote.

Chapter 1 – The Design of Work

4. Think about how my work is a benefit to myself or others. How does my work contribute to my community?
5. What are some good and godly restraints built into my work?

Chapter 2 - The Dignity of Work

6. What are some vestiges of ancient Greek thinking that influence our concepts of work? How does the Bible in Genesis portray the work that God gives humans?

Chapter 3 - Work as Cultivation

7. Do you think that our work is to subdue the earth in the sense that he discusses? Is there a danger of giving license to exploitation?
8. What do you think about humans being called to be gardeners rather than park rangers in this context?

Chapter 4 - Work as Service

9. What do you think is a Christian view of calling?
10. What do you think of the proposition that Christian work is basically work well done?

Chapter 5 - Work becomes Fruitless

11. How does sin "not only affect personal and private life, but also social life and, in particular, work?"

Chapter 6 - Work becomes Pointless

12. In what ways does Ecclesiastes shine the light on the alienating effects of work?

Chapter 7 - Work becomes Selfish

13. Can your position become a prison rather than a palace?

Chapter 8 - Work reveals our Idols

14. Can work become my saviour? How can this show itself in my life? From what am I seeking salvation?

Chapter 9 - A New Story for Work

15. What is the story line of the culture in which you live and the field in which you work? Who are the protagonists and the antagonists.

Chapter 10 - A New Conception of Work

16. What does the teaching of common grace tell us about the value of non-Christians' work?

17. To what extent do you think that you have maintained a dualism in your life? What do you typically think of when you hear the term, 'serving God'? What kinds of things constitute serving God?

Chapter 11 - A New Compass for Work

18. What are some ways in which I can apply Christian ethics in my field of work or workplace even if people don't share my beliefs in the Gospel?

Chapter 12 - New Power for Work

19. What does a living sacrifice suggest in relation to my work?

20. What will resting in Jesus look like in my work?