

LIFE GROUP GUIDE: WORK WEEK of OCTOBER 22-28

PREPARE:

Before your group arrives, make sure you take a few minutes to review the Life Group video and the Life Group Guide.

- Remember, the best life group leaders have questions highlighted and a direction for where they are taking people for the discussion for the evening. The less you can look to the guide for conversation, the better.
- Test your video display option to make sure it is working before your Life Group members arrive. For those in the auditorium, it will start automatically for you.
- Pray for a powerful gathering just before members show up.

WELCOME:

Take a few minutes to welcome Life Group members.

- If someone is new, be sure everyone is introduced to everyone. Name tags are available at church. Email (or call) Mary Ann at MaryAnn@rcalvary.org.
- You may want to have an opening introduction question, such as “What is your favorite season of the year and why?” (We recommend putting a disclaimer not to turn it into a complaining session about the cold. Not the vibe we’re going for).

VIDEO:

Watch the video together. Pastor Jonathan will piggy back off of Dave Hertweck’s message topic on Sunday. It’s ok if you (or group members) missed it. It will be available on our app and website.

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SCRIPTURE:

Read Genesis 2:1-7 and verse 15 together.

Genesis 2 (NIV)

2 Thus the heavens and the earth were completed in all their vast array.

²By the seventh day God had finished the work he had been doing; so on the seventh day he rested from all his work. ³Then God blessed the seventh day and made it holy, because on it he rested from all the work of creating that he had done.

⁴This is the account of the heavens and the earth when they were created, when the Lord God made the earth and the heavens.

⁵Now no shrub had yet appeared on the earth and no plant had yet sprung up, for the Lord God had not sent rain on the earth and there was no one to work the ground, ⁶but streams came up from the earth and watered the whole surface of the ground. ⁷Then the Lord God formed a man from the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living being.

¹⁵The Lord God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and take care of it.

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REFLECTION:

Provide a couple of minutes for quiet reflection on the passage, so your Life Group members can collect their thoughts.

QUESTIONS/OBSERVATIONS/SCRIPTURES:

- If there was work for Adam before the Fall, how does this change how we think about work if it was not part of the curse?
- *Observation:* For some of us, it is easy to elevate work to too high of a place in our lives. For others, we undervalue work and think it is not important. Which side is easier for your mind to fall into thinking and why?
 - How do you combat these thoughts?
- *Scripture/Observation/Question:* 1 Corinthians 10:31 says, “So whether you eat or drink or whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God.”
 - This means that all our work – everything we do – can be done unto the glory of God.
 - How can you shift your thinking to think of your work as being for the glory of God?
- *Scripture/Question:* Philippians 2:14-15 says “Do all things without grumbling or questioning, that you may be blameless and innocent, children of God without blemish in the midst of a crooked and twisted generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world”
 - So for you, what is the hardest part about not complaining at work?
- **SCRIPTURE/QUESTION:** Colossians 3:17 says “And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in

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the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.”

- What are you most thankful for about for your job?

PRAYER:

Maybe some members of your Life Group would like prayer for their work situation – or to view work like God does. Or for some situation in their life.

**THANK YOU FOR SERVING IN THIS ROLE! WE
APPRECIATE YOU!**