

THE BIG IDEA

God created you to embody His presence in whatever you put your hands to.

WHY DO WE NEED TO KNOW IT?

The work of our hands matters. God has placed each of us in a role that is uniquely capable of making the world a better place.

WHAT ARE WE GOING TO DO ABOUT IT?

Engage with the world God has placed us in. Work hard, and put the reality of God's goodness on display for all those who observe our work.

START HERE

This series is all about the spiritual rhythms that Christians need to practice to connect with God, and grow in faith. We will be covering a number of topics, and we want our entire church to be a part of the conversation. If you missed the message on Sunday, you can catch up here.

CONVERSATION GUIDE

This week's message was geared towards helping us understand what we can learn from the rhythm of work. Here are some key concepts to explore with the group.

What was the most challenging job you've ever had?

Talk in your groups about challenging jobs. Go around the group and have everyone share what comes to mind when they think of a challenging job. Give an example of a time when you accomplished a difficult task at work.

What was the easiest job you've ever had?

Do the same thing again with this question. By "easy" we are talking about a job that isn't demanding, not something that "comes easy" because you enjoy it.

Which one was more fulfilling? Why?

Talk about which experience was more enriching and fulfilling for the soul. What is it about working hard at something challenging that just seems to feel good?

Is it possible to find fulfillment by choosing to fully engage in whatever work is set before you?

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

- "Every Good Endeavor" by Tim Keller is a book about connecting our work to God's work. - <u>BUY</u>
- Forefront Blog- <u>READ</u>
- Mr. Rogers talks about the importance of leveraging your position for the good of others-WATCH

UPCOMING EVENTS

November 11th

 LGBTQ- Continuing the conversation at the office at 7 pm. <u>RSVP</u>

NOVEMBER 12th

Newcomers Dinner- RSVP

NOVEMBER 25th

 Happy Hour at Ted's Corner Tavern at 6:30 PM- 523 3rd Ave New York, NY, 10016 United States In Travis' message, he talked about how human beings are created to do stuff. God formed humans in his image, and immediately gave them a garden to tend to. Many people think that work is something that we would choose not to do if we had a choice, but is that true? Would we choose not to work if we were sure that our work made a difference in the world? Is it possible that fulfillment is found in doing stuff that makes a difference? Have everyone take a moment to reflect on the relationships they have at their places of work. Have the group think about how, if they fully engaged and leveraged their effort to benefit the people they work with, would life be more or less fulfilling?

BENEDICTION

In closing, pray this prayer together, from Seeking God's Face,

"GREAT AND MIGHTY GOD, BECAUSE OF JESUS I CAN
SEEK YOUR FACE; BECAUSE OF JESUS I MAY ENTER YOUR
PRESENCE; BECAUSE OF JESUS I'M MADE, WITH ALL
YOUR PEOPLE, INTO A HOUSE OF PRAYER; BECAUSE OF
JESUS YOUR EARS ARE OPEN TO LISTENING TO MY
PRAYERS. AND SO I PRAY IN JESUS NAME, AMEN."