

Week 1 – You Were **Created** for God's Work

Introduction

Class Discussion

How many hours should a faithful Christian spend in gathered church activities each week?

- God cares about your work outside the church _____ as your work in the church
- Gathered Church is _____ Work
- “Sacred” vs. “Secular” Distinction?

Course Overview

Theme: Working to The Glory if God:

“And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him”

Outline: Redemptive History

- Creation (Today):
- Fall (Next Week):
- Redemption/Recreation (12/17):

Applying Principles from God's Word to specific scenarios

Applies to all types of vocation

Interactive

Gods original design for work

Created in Gods image for Work

- Read Genesis 1:26-31, 2:5-8,15
 - Gen 2:2: God is the _____ worker
 - Gen 1:31 God created everything _____

- God created man in His image
- Gen 1:26 God told man to _____
- Gen 2:18 God created woman as a “helper fit for Him”, the first co-worker
- Takeaways
 - Part of being _____ is working
 - Keller Quotes
 - Work is as much a basic human need
 - Not only do we work like God but we _____ like God _____

Created to Co-Exist with Image Bearers

- Read Exodus 31:1-4, 35:24-29
 - God used the _____ talents of the people but the Word says they were _____
- Smaller Group Activity: write down what things you depended on someone else to create for you or give you access to as you go about your daily routine and think of how much time it would take you to make it yourself
- Lengthy portions of the Old Testament details how Gods people work together for various purposes
 - Building the tabernacle in Exodus 31-40
 - Solomon builds the temple 1 Kings 5-8
 - Also 1 Chron 29-2 Chron 6
 - Ezra 3-6 rebuilding the temple
 - Neh 2-6 building the walls of Jerusalem
- Common Grace and God's Sovereign Will
 - In Isaiah 45:1
 - Ezra 1:1-5

Working as Christians

Christian Worker Definition

- Define work

- Class definition
- All “vocations” included
- Define Christian Faith
 - Class Definition
- Romans 10:9-10
- John 3:16-18
- John 1:12-13

[Key Principles for Christian Workers to Glorify God](#)

- Personal Assessment: how does your vocation glorify God?
 - General grace
 - Benefitting the church
 - Benefitting the “church”
- Christians see Work is a Service to God. God _____ faithfulness in “secular work”. Eph 6:5-9, Col 3:22-24
- Christians See Work as Service to Man
 - Mark 10:35-45, “Christ-Like” work is focused on _____ and not _____
- Christians see work as purposeful (Jer 1:5, Isaiah 27:26). Your Life is the revelation of your purpose.
- Christians See the good in All Vocations
- Christians live out the gospel with integrity, humility, and cooperation over competition:
 - Phil 2:12-16
- Christians measure success differently
- **Choosing a Vocation**
 - Desires From our Vocation
 - Vocation that fulfills the creation mandate (Gen 1:28-31)
 - Work that fulfills the great commission (Matthew 28: 18-20)

- **Entering a New Season**

Closing

- Key takeaways
 - God cares about your work outside the church just as much as your work in the church
 - Worship as Preparation for Work
 - God created mankind to work and to "cultivate" the earth (I.e. work is not a result of the fall, it was part of God's original intent)
 - Work as an avenue for God's sovereign general grace to all humanity
 - Our "Christ-Likeness" should show up at our vocation, but our need for Christ should show up also
 - Consider how God created you uniquely when considering your calling for work