

Series: Kingdom Economics

Title: The Goodness of Work

Text: Various (Genesis 1:26-28, 2:15), (Psalm 8:1-2), (Proverbs 14:23)

Accountability: Share about any ways you applied lessons from the previous week/meeting.

Conversation Starter: Growing up, what were your impressions of work? How did that change as you got older and started to work yourself?

Synopsis: God is a creator and a worker. He models this in Genesis 2 when He created everything. As God's creation, we are also to work. The problem is, after the fall of man, work became toil and sometimes it can be challenging to see work in a positive light. However as God's children, we must remember that even though work is toil, it is still good and brings honor to God. There are a variety of reasons why work is good, but a few that are highlighted in this sermon include: work is good because it allows us to serve people, work utilizes our God given talents, work allows us to take care of ourselves and our families, and work allows us to build God's Kingdom.

Dig: Read the various texts above

1. God cares about your work. Do you often find it difficult to make this connection? If so, why?
2. The work that God has called us to has a purpose. It allows us to serve others and fill a need in the world. Do you find it hard to see how your job serves others or fills a need in the world?
3. Work is good because it utilizes our talents. How are you able to use your talents in your work? (Work isn't just a position in the marketplace, it is also within the home and even in retirement)
4. How are you currently building God's kingdom?
5. What are your plans after you retire? If you are a long way from retirement, what can you envision yourself doing after your current job?
6. What is your favorite and least favorite thing about your job at the moment?

Application:

1. Approach God and pray for a heart of gratitude this week for your job.
2. Approach God and pray for other opportunities if you are currently seeking.
3. Work with excellence this week as a reflection of your worship to God.

Kids Questions:

1. What do your parents do for work? Do you know why they do their work?
2. Do you think God cares about work? Why or why not?
3. What do you think counts as your work? Do you think God cares about what you do?