

DISCUSSION GUIDE

OCTOBER 5/6 | WHAT MATTERS? | GOD'S DESIGN

FOR STARTERS

1. Looking back at your notes from this week's teaching, was there anything that particularly caught your attention, challenged you or raised questions?
2. Share one of the following—your first job, worst job or favorite job.
3. How are you trying to connect your faith at work, what are the challenges and how is God using His Word to change your attitude and actions?

DIGGING IN

1. In Genesis 1-2 we learn that God's work is creative, purposeful and, above all, good. Created in His image we are given work to do. Read Genesis 1:28 and in your own words describe our God-given work.
2. Genesis 2:2 tells us God's rhythm for work. What is it and what are the implications of the creation rhythm?
3. Read Genesis 3:16-19. How did the curse impact our work?
4. We can expect bitter and sweet when it comes to our work today. Read Ecclesiastes 2:18-24 and highlight the differences of pursuing work with God (24) and without Him (18-23).
5. Jesus gives the best example of what it looks like to connect our work to God's and His ultimate work on the cross changes our work by first changing us, the worker. Look at what the New Testament writers taught us about work. Colossians 1:10, 3:23-24. 1 Corinthians 10:31, 15:58.

BRINGING IT HOME

1. What are some ways we can glorify God in our work?
2. If we can expect work to be part of our experience in the new heaven on earth, how should that change our attitude about work as well as our work today?
3. What motivates you the most when you think about how you could glorify God through your job?
4. Pray for each other that you would all serve Christ each day wherever He calls you to serve Him and others.

MESSAGE NOTES

MESSAGE SERIES:

TITLE:

SCRIPTURE: