

July 19 Discussion Questions

“The Gift of Work”

Ephesians 6:5-8; Genesis 1:1-5; 26-28; 2:1-3

Preview

All work is a **Gift** so give thanks for the work God has **Called** you to do

1. A Gift of God **To** us --> **Gratitude** (Gen. 1:1; 2:2; Eph. 6:5-7)

- To **Create** and **Cultivate**, as He did (Gen. 1:26-28)

2. A Gift of God **Through** us --> **Service** (Eph. 6:6-7; Ps. 147:12-14; Ps. 145:15-16)

Connect

1. What job have you least enjoyed? Why? What job have you most enjoyed? Why?
2. What makes for a job to be enjoyable and worth doing?
3. What does it mean to you to apply the Gospel at work?

Read Ephesians 6:5-8; Genesis 1:1-5; 26-28; 2:1-3

Discuss

4. According to Ephesians 6:5-8, what is the difference in how a Christian compared to a non-Christian approaches their work?
5. What promise beyond a paycheck is offered to Christians who serve their earthly masters as they would Christ?
6. What can we conclude about work from Genesis 1:1-5?
7. How does gratitude change our perspective on work?
8. From Genesis 1:27 we learn that God made men and women in His image. How does this truth change the way you serve those you work with?
9. Martin Luther said, “Through our work we are the fingers of God to love and care for people.” Who do you have potential to cause to flourish through your work?

Apply

10. Do you feel more used and abused at work or fruitful and fulfilled? Why do you think that is?
11. In what way do you need to grow in gratitude for the work you have?
12. How can you make the seemingly meaningless parts of your work meaningful?
13. Who can you specifically serve with the love of Christ better at your job? What does that look like in action?

Pray

14. Pray for God to increase your gratitude for your job and to increase your vision for how your job advances Christ's Kingdom on earth.