

July 26 Discussion Questions

“The Struggle of Work”

Genesis 3:17-24

Preview

All work is a gift from God to us and through us (Gen. 1:28)

- Don't resent work as a **Curse**
- Don't rely on work as a **Cure**

All work is a Struggle

1. It is never **Easy** (Gen. 3:17-18)
2. It is never **Finished** (Gen. 3:19a)
3. It is never fully **Satisfying** (Gen. 3:19b)

How the Gospel Redeems Work

1. Jesus gives us **Help** to do the work (Eph. 5:18; 6:5,9)
2. Jesus gives us **Hope** in His finished work (Eph. 6:8)
3. Jesus gives us **Happiness** beyond work (Eph. 6:5,7,9)

Connect

1. What has been one of your more embarrassing moments at work?
2. What aspects of your job do you find least fruitful and enjoyable? Why is this the case?
3. How do you think the Gospel gets applied to those aspects of work we struggle through?

Read Genesis 3:17-24

Discuss

4. In what ways did the Fall affect our work?
5. How is the grace of God still seen in this passage? Where did God's immediate cursing fall in Genesis 3:17?
6. What wrong perspectives do humans have of their jobs?
7. In what ways will our work always let us down? Can you share a specific example when you believed a lie about your work? How did it affect you or your family?
8. How does the Gospel redeem our work?
9. What is the primary command in Ephesians 5:18 that speaks Gospel-power into our work? How would this filling affect you at work? How can you cultivate this filling?
10. What noticeable differences should there be in a Christian compared to a non-Christian at work?

Apply

11. In what ways is your job a struggle right now? Can you pinpoint the struggle's origin? (sinful people, the fallen world, your own sinful heart, or demonic warfare)
12. What subconscious lie about your work are you most prone to believe? How does the Gospel speak into that lie?
13. How is God calling you this week to share in His redeeming work at your place of work?

Pray

14. Pray for God to give you both Gospel-perspective and Gospel-endurance at your place of work. Ask Him to show you the specific ways you can share in His redeeming work this week.