

The fundamental basis for understanding how to approach God's original design for work is: (A) God worked, (B) Humans are created in God's image and (C) God instructed humans to work before sin entered the world.

God's work resulted in environments fit for human flourishing.

(Genesis 1:6, 9, 11, 14, 20, 24, 26)

- Because of sin, we live and work in a world that does not reflect God's original design (Genesis 3:17-19)

Questions for reflection:

- What needs to change in my perspective so that I can see my job as partnering with God to see people experience the flourishing they were created for?
- How can I approach my work so that my tasks, my co-workers, my supervisors, and my clients flourish more because I'm there?

God's work reflected His character and purposes.

(Psalms 19:1-4; Psalms 8:4; Ephesians 6:5-9; Colossians 3:17; 1 Corinthians 10:31)

Questions for reflection:

- How can I approach my work so that people know they matter to God?
- How can my job be part of addressing broader human issues that reflect the character and purposes of God that I see in the Bible?

God's work was rhythmically balanced with rest. (Genesis 2:1-3)

Questions for reflection:

- How am I looking to my work to provide for me in ways that only God can?
- How would setting aside 1 day/week for rest and reconnection with God and others in my life challenge me to trust God more?

**For more information on this topic, see our sermon,
Vocation: How Jesus Changes My Work
https://www.youtube.com/live/XUeP2f47_Ds?feature=share*

**This template is for groups who continue to gather this summer while weekly, sermon-specific life group questions are not being provided.*

Pray: Lay down any distractions, control, fears, etc. that will keep you from fully engaging in your time together.

Looking Back:

What has God been teaching you lately as you've been applying what you're learning about Him?

Looking up:

What about the sermon was challenging, helpful, new, or interesting to you?

Did this sermon cause you to think about any other related Scriptures?

How does this sermon most speak to how you can grow in: Loving God; Loving one another; or Making His love known?

How did this sermon press you into prayer? What did God show you in prayer?

Looking forward:

What step of action is God calling you to take based on this study? How can our life group pray for and support you?

Prayer: How can we be praying for one another? How can we be praying for those in our lives who are far from God but near to us relationally?