



Sermon Questions

February 11, 2024 | Scripture: Gen 1:28-2:15 (Work)

Pre-study: 3 things from the sermon. *Note down 3 ideas, illustrations, quotes, or points that made an impression in the sermon.*

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Core Questions

1. "In a perfect world, I would not have to work." Discuss, with reference to Genesis 1:28, 2:15, 3:17-19, and others.
2. If, as fallen people, we all tend to 'put work in the wrong place' in disordered lives, how do we see different generations doing that in different ways?
3. Where in your work are you bringing order out of chaos, or drawing out the flourishing of others?

Inward Grace in Action

4. Many of us make idols (when we make a good thing an ultimate thing) of work, whether a current role, a past role, or a hoped-for future role. This can manifest in bitter regret over past choices, workaholism, or deep discontent in your present calling. Where is this true in you? How can knowing Christ lift this burden?

Outward Grace in Action

5. The body of Christ (all the diverse members of the church) is called to many different vocations. How can you encourage each other in your CGs in pursuing their vocation for God's glory?
6. What would it take to flourish in the work you do now as an act of love, overflowing from how you have been loved? Ask for and offer support to one another.

Additional resources:

You can find more on our dedicated series Resource Page [here](#).

Essay: Dorothy Sayers, writing in the middle of the Second World War, [wrote an essay entitled Why Work?](#) It's a compelling, readable meditation on treasuring work amid plenty of external pressures.

Video: Take 90 seconds [to be encouraged in your work by Danielle Coke](#)

WORSHIP THROUGHOUT THE WEEK

Reflect on these Scriptures:

- Deuteronomy 13:6-18
- Psalm 90
- Nehemiah 3
- Matthew 11:25-30
- Colossians 3:23-24
- James 1:1-18

Serve: Many of us are discontent or disillusioned in our work. Could you meet with or mentor another believer to help them work through these tensions over time?

Pray: Pray that God would reveal renewed purpose, possibility and relief to those resenting or struggling with their work.

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- Request aid from our Deacons' Fund at deaconsfund@mcleanpres.org