

Why Work?

Ecclesiastes 9:10 – January 14, 2018 for Life Group & Personal Bible Study

This guide, based on Sunday's sermon, provides additional study and reflection for personal devotions and Life Group discussion. It is not meant to serve as a full Bible study curriculum, exhaustive commentary, or complete Life Group itinerary, but simply as a helpful resource for further study. Feel free to use these thoughts below as you enjoy your time in God's Word!

1) Backgrounds

What is the most common answer people give when asked: "Why do you work?"

Is that a legitimate answer? Why or why not?

2) Read Ecclesiastes 9:7-10 and think back over Sunday's sermon.

What points of the sermon or this passage resonated with you?

What questions come to mind?

How are you challenged?

3) Understanding the Passage

Sunday's sermon focused on *working faithfully*. Why is that so important? Why is it important to God?

In your life and work situation, what does *working faithfully* look like? Give some specific examples.

4) Digging Deeper

Read Romans 12:11, Colossians 3:23-24, and Colossians 3:17. How do they express similar ideas? What do each of them add to what *working faithfully* can look like?

5) Personal Reflection

What work or works are you engaged in at this point in your life?

Are you working in those faithfully? How so? What does that look like?

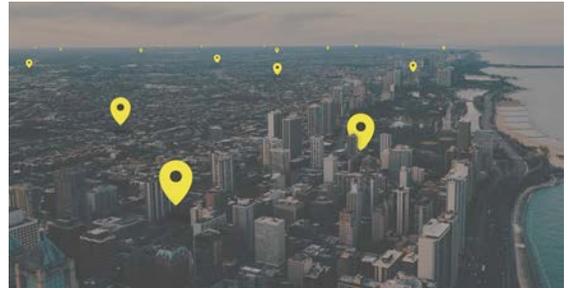
If not, what do you think is stopping you? What *could* working faithfully look like in your life and at your work? How can others help you in this?

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Answers to Sunday's "fill in the blanks"
and Other Bible Verses

Work: purposeful activity
intended to accomplish a task.



Four Purposes for Work

- 1) People are created for work.
Genesis 2:15
Therefore, work faithfully.
- 2) People fulfill personal calling through work.
Ephesians 2:10
Therefore, work faithfully.
- 3) People add value through work.
Matthew 25:20
Therefore, work faithfully.
- 4) People build intimacy with God through work.
Ecclesiastes 2:24-25
Therefore, work faithfully.

What does working faithfully look like?
Ecclesiastes 9:10

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"Neighboring" idea of the week (Luke 10:25-36):
Organize a neighborhood garage sale!