



Sermon series: Genesis 1-11: The Story of (Your) Life
Text: Genesis 1:26-28; 2:1-3, 8-9, 15; 3:17-19
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The Story of Work

Big Idea: We work for God and God works through us.

The Dignity of Work (Genesis 1-2)

1. Work is a _____ from God.
2. All work _____ to God.

The Purpose of Work (Genesis 1:28; 2:15)

1. Work is a way that we _____ and _____ God.

“Gardeners dig up the ground and rearrange it with a goal in mind: to rearrange the raw material of the garden so that it produces food, flowers, and beauty. And that is the pattern for all work. It is rearranging the raw material of God’s creation in such a way that it helps the world in general, and people in particular, thrive and flourish.” -Tim Keller

2. Work is a way we _____ and _____ our neighbors.

The Curse on Work (Genesis 3:17-19; 11:4)

1. We experience _____ in our work.
2. We _____ work.

The Rest for Work (John 19:30; 1 Corinthians 3:5-7)

1. You can rest in the Work God has _____ for _____.
2. You can rest knowing that God will _____ your _____.

What has been your favorite job that you’ve worked? What’s been your least favorite job that you’ve worked?

What are some of the most rewarding and most difficult parts of your current job?

How should the fact that you are ultimately working for God impact and shape how you go about your work?
(See Colossians 3:23-24 and 6:5-8)



What are some ways that your parents taught or modeled the value of hard work? What are some ways you have done (or could do) that with your own kids?

How does your job help the world in general and people in particular to thrive and flourish?

- *Or Ask: What would happen to the world if no one was doing your job? What would people lose if your job (and everyone who was doing it) no longer existed?*

How should a person respond when they find no fulfillment or meaning in their job? How would you encourage a person who is in this scenario?

What are the ways that you feel experience futility in your own work? What are the ways your work can be a grind or feel frustrating?

What are some of the ways you might struggle to misuse your work and make the purpose of it about you? How can the gospel free you from misusing your work?

How can knowing that God will use your work encourage you? How can knowing this help you to “clock out” at the end of the day and trust him with your work?

Where do you most need to be reminded that your labor is not in vain?

Further Resources

- [Faith and Work – The Gospel Coalition](#)
- [How To Glorify God at Work – Desiring God](#)
- [Every Good Endeavor – Tim Keller](#)
- [Work – Dan Doriani](#)