



Sermon Discussion Guide

Work - Christian Lindbeck

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Leader Preparation

1. Take some time to look over these questions ahead of time. Choose the ones that you want to make sure you cover with your group. We have highlighted what we think are **key questions by bolding them.**
2. Pray for your group and your time together as you prepare. This is so helpful!
3. When meeting online you as the leader will need to be more directive than in person. Don't be afraid to invite everyone to answer a question, invite them to share by name, and thank them when they finish. The online format requires a little more intentional orchestrating than an in-person group.
4. Try to start the gathering by getting everyone talking at least once to begin. The Hook section is great for this. When in doubt, have people share stories about their past. (How the week was, favorite memories about the topic for the day, etc). This is a great way to help your group continue to get to know one another.
5. Next, look at the Scripture and what it means. We believe Jesus is discipling people through this Word. Get people into the Scriptures and the Scriptures into people!
6. Finally, end with what God is saying to people and how God is inviting them to respond. These aren't just ideas to know but realities to live in!



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Hook - Getting to know one another

- How is everyone doing this week? This could also be an icebreaker question related to the topic for discussion.
1. What is work? How do you define work? Where do you currently or where did you work?

Book - Scripture

- Read the scripture, and discuss a few questions to understand **what the text is saying**.
 - Focus first on these passages. Read: Gen. 1:28, 2:8, 10-12, 15, 18 – 20
2. Pastor Christian described God as enjoying the work of creation. How do these texts expound upon the idea of God enjoying His work? What other adjectives describe the work he was doing?
 3. The passages in Genesis actively bring humanity into the creative work God began. Find other passages or stories or characters who joined in the work that God began. I.e. Moses (freeing God's people), Abraham (believing and participating in God's redemptive covenant), the disciples (reaching many with the Gospel)
 4. Reread 1 Corinthians 3:5-9. How does Paul describe his relationship to the world around him, to God, and to the work he's been given?

Look - Connections to our world today

- This section focuses on implications about **what this text means** about what's wrong in the world, about trusting God, about who God is, etc.
5. "All Good work is dignified by God" was a quote from today's message. What does this mean in our world today? Are we to believe that every aspect of our



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work, as long as it is good, is dignified by God? What does it mean “Good work”?

6. Just like Adam and Eve, we are put in a place and time with resources around us. We are invited by our Creator to join in work with him. How do you see this happening in the world around you? How is this taking place at various levels: your home, your neighborhood, your city, county, state, etc.?

Took - Personal Application

- This application focuses on **how God is calling us to respond**. This could be personally, as a family, small group, or church. It could be something to believe, to meditate on, to say or do this week.
7. How does it change your perspective on work by knowing that rest proceeds work (certainly a change from the societal norm)?
 8. How does your faith shape your work? Does your work shape your faith? How can it or should it?

Time of Prayer