

# Work

## INTRODUCTION

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## DISCUSSION

Why is it bad when people do not or will not work?

## EXPLANATION

What issues does our society face today because people do not have a proper view of work?

Do you think Christianity, as it has been presented to our modern culture, has helped or hindered our society's view of work?

Why do you think it is important to God that His people work hard and well?

## APPLICATION

Read Colossians 3:23 and 1 Corinthians 15:10.

Do you have a harder time working or resting?

Does our society have a harder time working or resting?

How could you work harder?

How could you rest "harder"?

## MISSION

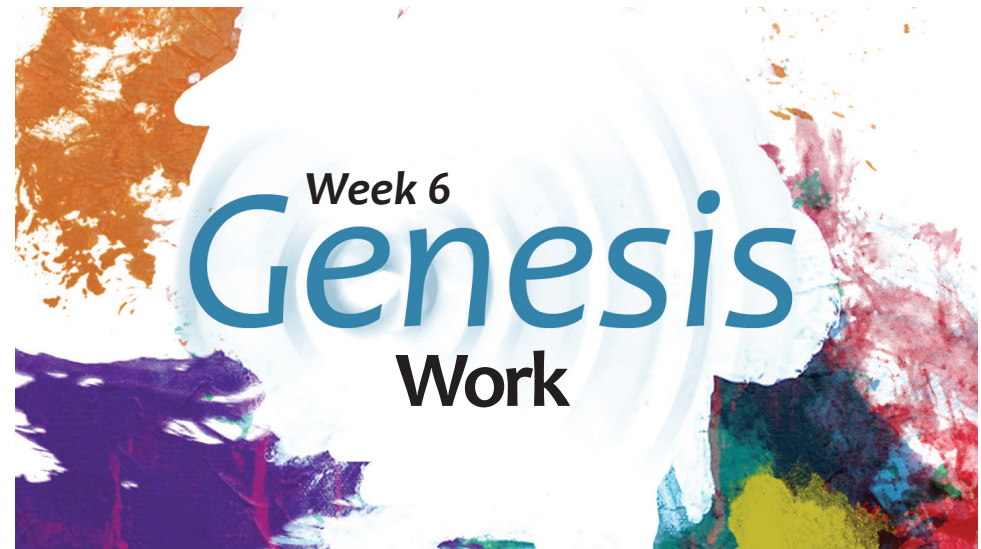
How can you live, at your workplace, as a better example of Jesus and His work ethic?

Is there anything you are doing at work that detracts from the name and fame of God's work?

What steps could you take to work and rest rightly?

**Week 6**

FAMILY & GROUP DISCUSSION



Genesis 2:1-3

Philippians 1:6

John 5:17

Ecclesiastes 2:24-25

1 Thessalonians 4:11

Proverbs 16:26

2 Thessalonians 3:10

1 Corinthians 10:31

Colossians 3:17

2 Timothy 3:16

Proverbs 15:22

Exodus 20:15

Proverbs 11:1

Proverbs 22:29

Proverbs 12:24

Proverbs 27:18

Proverbs 26:13

Colosians 3:23

1 Corinthians 15:10

Matthew 11:28

NOTES & SCRIPTURE

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## Week 6 SERMON OUTLINE

Genesis 2:1-3 “Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all the host of them. And on the seventh day God finished his work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all his work that he had done. So God blessed the seventh day and made it holy, because on it God rested from all his work that he had done in creation.”

Throughout the unfolding drama of redemption, the Bible addresses the important and practical issues of life: love, hate, fear, hope, need, desire, family, money, work, play, war, peace, and so on. The Bible consists of real history about real people who shared the same type of concerns that we face today; though, of course, there are differences between then and now.

Usually Jewish families were strong units that were not easily broken. Not only were parents to help their children develop skills necessary for living, they were also constantly to teach their children about God’s great acts in history (e.g., the Exodus) and what God required of them. Learning always centered on God, His works, and His Word.

Understanding that God is a God who works, the Jewish people understood that work itself was a gift given to mankind by God. The Bible sets up the pattern of work and rest (more work than rest).

Your work should be part of God’s work in the world. We work because our God works, and we are created in His image.

### Some truth about work:

- **Work is more than what you get paid to do.** Biblically all we do is work even if you don’t get paid, so do it well.
- **Work is a not evil.** In Genesis 1 and 2, work is given BEFORE the FALL. God works. Work was one of God’s gifts to us; we need to see it like that.
- **Christian’s should work harder than all.** God made us to work, and proper understanding of God means we work hard and well.
- **Sometimes people should go hungry.** Just because someone is poor doesn’t mean they are godly. There are legitimate needs, and there are needs that stem from laziness.

- **As a Christian all work is Christian work.** What makes a job “Christian” is the person doing the job.
- **God has already told you what to do: WORK.**
- **If you want to work in “church ministry” you should prove your faithfulness by working a “normal” job.** Jesus was even a carpenter for 30 yrs before His public ministry.
- **When at your job, you should work.** If you are getting paid to do a job and you aren’t doing it, you are stealing.
- **Work with skill.** Show up on time.
- **Work hard with your hands.** When you get a skill, you keep working on it to get better.

**Most importantly, you work for Jesus.** *Col 3:23 Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men.*

### Four Reasons to Sabbath

- **Sabbath rest will refresh your whole self.**
- **Sabbath rest refreshes our hearts toward God.**
- **Sabbath rest reorients our lives to grace.**
- **Sabbath rest refreshes our hope.**

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### Good Friday: Seder Meal

Friday, April 6th

<http://www.ourelement.org/events/seder-meal>

