

Life Application Notes

Everyday Life Week 3: Work

20th June 2021

Opener: Regardless of whether you work full time, part time, volunteer, retired - whatever your working situation we all encounter work or those in work all over our day to day lives.

What is the most challenging job you have ever had?

Consider the following passages and discuss how they help us in how we embody Jesus to a greater degree in our areas of work, as you touch on the following questions/themes (motive, meaning, mission):

- *Titus 2:9-10 (demonstrate and witness Jesus - consider the first week discussion on witness)*
- *Colossians 4:1 (treating servants justly and fairly)*
- *James 3:1-12 (words, our tongue)*
- *Ephesians 4:29 (building up)*

A new motive:

Sometimes work can feel like a means to an end, or just for those who employ/manage us. However God has called us into specific roles in order for us to flourish and grow and to glorify him. Part of our calling is to be good stewards of creation and the skills and resources job gives us.

- **What motivates you in your role/job? Why do you do the work that you do?**

A new meaning:

The gospel of Grace relieves us from the pressure to prove ourselves. Our work is a way in which we serve God faithfully. We don't have to be a priest or a monk, or even work for a charity to serve God in our workplace.

- **Do you work in a 'secular' job? How do you/can you honour God in your work?**

A new mission:

We considered in the first week the importance of our witness to Jesus's resurrection.

- **What areas do we need grace for in our workplace?** (*Difficult relationships? Expectations? Cultures?*)
- **What does it mean practically for us to be ambassadors in our workplaces?** (*consider passages from James 3 and Ephesians 4 on how we demonstrate respect, integrity*)

God knows where you are at, whether you love your work or if work is something you dread thinking or talking about.

Pray together. Where does work life balance need to change? When was the last time you prayed about work? What would you change about your work life?