

Course Outline

The Story of Work

Week 1: A Biblical Theology of Work

Week 2: The Problem with Work

Our Work as the Redeemed

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How We Work

Week 5: Motivation: Faithfulness Changes Why We Work

Week 6: Relationships: Imaging Christ in the Workplace

Week 7: Ethics: Case Studies for the Modern Workplace

Week 8: Balance: Christians Are Not Balanced People

Week 9: Work at different stages of life

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Suggested Reading

The Gospel at Work (Traeger, Gilbert)

Work: Its Purpose, Dignity, and Transformation (Dorani)

Every Good Endeavor (Keller)

Work Matters: Connecting Sunday Worship to Monday Work (Nelson)



CHRISTIANS IN THE WORKPLACE

A BIBLICAL THEOLOGY OF WORK - GOSPEL GROWTH STUDIES

INTRODUCTION - THE STORY OF WORK

Why do you work? What's the significance of your work? That depends on the _____ you attach to your work.

ACT I - CREATION

The story of work begins with God, who is a _____.

Genesis 2:2: *"By the seventh day, God had finished the work he had been doing..."*

We are the work product of God, made in his _____.

God put Adam and Even in the garden to _____ and _____ it.

Lesson #1 God's original purpose for human work was to advance human _____ to the glory of God.

ACT II - FALL

Adam and Even failed to do their _____.

They were kicked out of the garden, but were not relieved of _____.

Because of the fall, the work _____ change.

It becomes _____.

It becomes _____.

It becomes _____ for survival.

Because of the fall, the _____ themselves change.

Some no longer use work to worship God, but to worship idols. They are _____ by their work.

Others call on the name of the Lord, and are defined by the name of the Lord whom they _____.

Lesson #2 The problem with work is a lost connection between God, worship, and work.

ACT III - REDEMPTION

The work of Christ was redemption—to _____ the sin of the world. "It is finished!" (John 19:30).

_____ are redeemed. Work is not.

How does redemption change workers?

We _____—turning from idolatrous attitudes toward work, because our identity is no longer in work but in Christ. Col. 3:1-3.

We _____—turning to worshipping God in work. Co. 3:17, 22-23.

Lesson #3 As redeemed sinners, our work can now _____ God's work, to the glory of God. It can be worship again.

ACT IV - RESTORATION

Romans 8: *"the creation itself will be liberated"*

Isaiah 65: *"I will create new heavens and a new earth. ... They will build houses and dwell in them, they will plant vineyards and eat their fruit. ... They will not toil in vain."*

Revelation 21: *"They will bring into [the city] the glory and honor of the nations."*