

UNCOMMON GOOD: SERVING AT WORK

Genesis 1:26-2:3, 2:15-17 & 3:17-19

MAIN IDEAS FROM THIS WEEK

1. HOW YOU VIEW WORK WILL DETERMINE HOW YOU DO WORK
 - WORK IS GOOD
 - WORK IS BROKEN
 - YOUR WORK EXISTS TO PROFIT OTHERS

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS – Pick one or two of these to talk about as a group

1. What stood out to you most from this week's message? Why?
2. How have you viewed work throughout your life? Did this week's message shape or challenge your view of work in any way?
3. Work is inherently good and is used by God in a multitude of ways to bring about the common good of all mankind. Think about your current job. What are some ways that God's common grace and care for the world are being accomplished through your work?
4. While work is inherently good, our relationship to work and work itself have been broken by sin. Think about your current job. What are some of the "thorns and thistles" that you can see in your work? (These can be anything from frustrations and challenges in your work to unhealthy mindsets, broken systems or common "idols" within your field of work).
5. The way in which a Christian worker is distinct from a non-Christian worker will depend largely on the specific work situation of each person. What are some ways that approaching your work from God's distinct view of work might make you stand out at your specific place of work (stay at home parents and retired folks included)?
6. How has the gospel shaped the way you work? What are some ways you can point people to God through your specific work?
7. **APPLICATION:** Find one or two other Christians who work in the same field as you and set aside some time to get together and talk about what it might look like to honor God by serving others through your specific work. If you need help finding someone else at the church who works in the same field as you please email David Brower at david@severn.cc.

A TRUTH TO TAKE WITH YOU: If we want to be able to approach our work with a selfless, other-oriented attitude we have to be coming from a place of deep rest in the finished work of Jesus.