

Water of Life Community Church

YOUR WORLD, YOUR WORK, YOUR DESTINY

WEEK 1

1 CORINTHIANS 15 :58 ; 2 THESSALONIANS 3:10-12

ICE BREAKER

PRAYER

WORSHIP

INTRODUCTION

Pastor explains that the Bible is full of pictures of people living everyday life in jobs, work, and employment. Think of Jesus as a carpenter, the disciples who came from all walks of life. "Work makes up so much of our lives and God is interested in all of our lives, not just the spiritual aspect." This teaching will confirm how God wants to give meaning to all our life - inclusive of our work-life with its ups and downs and regardless of the world's estimation of our occupation.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

I. READ 1 CORINTHIANS 15:58.

- a. Which part of this verse applies to your work on the job/at the workplace?
- b. What does it mean that your "labor in the Lord is not in vain" when applied to your job?
- c. Ultimately, as a follower of Christ, who would you say you are working for?
- d. Why does your labor here on earth count in eternity? If you are retired or you are a home administrator (homemaker), or if you have a disability, what does your labor on earth look like?

2. READ 2 THESSALONIANS 3:10-12.

- a. How is this verse applicable to benevolence?
- b. Why is work necessary?
- c. How does Genesis 1:28 affect your view of your job/work?
- d. How does God's perspective differ from the world's regarding the dignity of a field worker vs a CEO?

PRAYER/MINISTRY TIME

- What did you learn in this teaching? What most impacted you?
- How did the disciples' jobs prepare/qualify them to be disciples of Jesus Christ and to "follow" Him? How does your job qualify you to be His disciple?

GOING DEEPER/WEEKLY CHALLENGE

REFLECT

- Genesis 1:1-31 "In the beginning" God worked; He is still working.
- Before the fall, He told Adam to work and manage (subdue not harm) His creation.
- We are not defined by our job, job title, paycheck, etc. - we are defined by who we are in Christ Jesus.
- Everything we do, including our daily work, should be done unto the Lord and give Him glory.

RESPOND

- Since it has always been God's plan for man to work, how can you more intentionally acknowledge Him and honor this aspect of His plan for your life this week?

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MEMORY VERSE

1 Corinthians 15:58 (NLT), "So, my dear brothers and sisters, be strong and immovable. Always work enthusiastically for the Lord, for you know that nothing you do for the Lord is ever useless."

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