

Water of Life Community Church
YOUR WORLD, YOUR WORK, YOUR DESTINY

WEEK 2

GENESIS 3:17-19, ECCLESIASTES 3:12-13, 22 AND 4:4

ICE BREAKER

PRAYER

WORSHIP

INTRODUCTION

God is interested in everything about us, including our work-life. He desires to give meaning to our work-life too. Because of sin, we toil; and even though there will be fruitfulness if we follow the Lord, we will encounter “thorns and thistles.” If we view our work, whatever it is, as an opportunity to glorify God and serve others, and work selflessly for God to glorify Him in whatever work we do, we will be fruitful and grow toward our destiny.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. READ GENESIS 3:17-19.

- a. One of the very first pictures we have of “work” in these verses isn’t a pleasant one. Do you think the “painful toil” of work is more severe physically, mentally, emotionally, or spiritually?
- b. Is it possible to “walk away from God” in the midst of one’s work?

2. READ ECCLESIASTES 3:12-13 AND 22.

- a. Describe what led you to your current or latest work, why you chose it and, based on this week’s message, how you can use it to glorify God.

b. In what ways can you use your work for ministry?

3. READ ECCLESIASTES 4:4.

a. What kind of response do you give when someone asks, "what sort of work do you do?"

b. What are your thoughts about C.S. Lewis' comment that, "...pride is essentially competitive, it is competitive by its nature...pride gets no pleasure out of having something, only out of having more of it than the next man. We say people are proud of being rich, or clever, or good looking but they are not. They are proud of being richer, or cleverer, or better-looking than others."

PRAYER/MINISTRY TIME

- Although sin corrupted the world, including work, we can redeem our work by working to glorify God in whatever we do.
- Why do you do the work you do, and whom do you do it for?

GOING DEEPER/WEEKLY CHALLENGE

REFLECT

- Have you ever asked God to intervene in your attitude or motives relating to work?

RESPOND

- Esther took a big risk - risking her life - for others. Consider stretching out - ektenos - to help others in the course of your work.

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MEMORY VERSE

Philippians 2:3, "Do nothing from selfishness or empty conceit, but with humility consider one another as more important than yourselves."

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