

## **Work Is Not A Curse—And It's Not A Curse Word Either!**

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Work Matters Message Outline

April 27, 2014



### A. Work Matters

1. We are Created to Work
2. Work is Broader than a Job
3. All Work is Mission

### B. In The Beginning, There Was Work

Genesis 1-2

1. God is The Worker—Work is not Beneath Him!
2. Work is not a Curse—It's Part of Paradise!
3. Getting Stuff is not the First Reason for Work—God has much Bigger Plans

Genesis 2.15:

“to work”=

“to take care of”=

### C. Get A New Boss!

Colossians 3.23-24

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Work Matters Growth Group Questions

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1. Welcome (back) to Growth Group! Work Matters! Tell your Growth Group about your very first job outside the home or your most interesting work. (Remember, we're defining work as broader than a job.)
  
2. Read Psalm 8 and Psalm 104.31 a couple of times.
  - a. What do we discover about God? (Don't miss "the work of your fingers," among other great insights.)
  
  - b. What do we learn about us human beings here?
  
  - c. What might the "flocks and herds" be today?
  
  - d. Since God has seen fit to crown us with glory and honor making us rulers and workers over His creation, how can I approach Monday morning *and* Sunday morning differently?
  
3. Consider Colossians 3.23-24—a word to slaves no less! Think about your own work, and the work of others in your Growth Group. Using the passages below to stimulate your down-to-earth thinking—no pie-in-the-sky, please—speak practical words of encouragement and challenge into the lives of one another as to *how you can rethink, reimagine your work*. And pray for one another, asking The Spirit to change and empower us, because *work matters!*

Matthew 5.44-45

1 Thessalonians 5.15

Acts 20.35

Titus 3.1-2