

Group Check-In

Values

Remind everyone of the two unique values of groups (“noticing each other’s spiritual growth” and “care when tough things happen”), then ask if anyone has anything to share:

- Something encouraging?
- Something troubling?
- Something where they need help / prayer?

Pray

Take some to pray for the group over anything that came up and then ask for God’s blessing on your time together.

Discussion Questions

Intro

In this Blueprint series, we're learning there is an essential goodness to what God has designed, including our work! (Reminder that as we discuss this, we mean anything we do —not just a career or job.)

- Before we dive in to specific questions, did anything stand out for anyone from this sermon that they'd like to share?

View of Work

Have you ever fallen into the trap of thinking that work is actually something to be *avoided*? Why?

- How does embracing this perspective impact your life on a day-to-day basis?

Work as God's Image-Bearers

In his sermon, Jonathan mentioned how *God worked* (Gen 2:1-3), took *delight* in his work (Gen 1:31), and *continues* to work in his care for us and the world (Col 1:17, Heb 1:3). God works and values work! And we are called to be like him as his image-bearers:

- How well are you “imaging” God by your view of work? What do people see in the way you work?

There is dignity to our work because we are *like God* by working. Jonathan mentioned how “bringing order out of chaos” and “caring” are attributes of God's working.

- How is what *you do* “God-like”? In other words, how are you *like God* in your actions / work each day?
- How could your work be *more* like God in your working?
 - Ask others for suggestions if you have a hard time.

Work as Assignment

Read 1 Corinthians 7:17. Paul refers to the Corinthian's current life situation as an assignment or calling from God.

- How could *any* life situation be viewed as an assignment of God?
- How can *your* life situation be viewed as an assignment of God?
- Do you wish you could change your current “assignment”? Why or why not?

Work with Excellence

Read Colossians 3:23-24. God can get the glory if we work with all our heart!

- Does this passage bring a level of *conviction* or *encouragement* to you? How so?
- How much of your heart/effort have you been putting into your work?
- Think through the different responsibilities you have. Does any area get more of your heart/effort than others?

Christ's Example

Read Philippians 2:1-8. Christ set the example of servanthood for us! As his followers, we are called to reflect this attitude.

- In what areas of your work can you be more servant-hearted?