



WEEK 8 STUDY QUESTIONS

We often consider our spiritual life and the rest of our life as two separate things. But what if the two can go together? What if what we do on a daily basis could be blended seamlessly into the way we worship God? What if what we do every day was a way for Him to fulfill His purposes in and through us? Let's look at how God calls us to serve and love in the context of the things we accomplish in life.

Read: Genesis 1:26-28

According to v.26, what qualifies humans to rule over the earth?

How should that foundation shape the way in which we 'rule and subdue' the earth?

Read: Mark 12:28-34; 2 Corinthians 5:16-20; Colossians 3:23-24

When we have the foundation of loving God above all, and loving others as we love ourselves, the way we do our day-to-day work should look different. Through this lens, it does not matter whether we are a retail worker, stay at home parent, executive, or volunteer. The work we do has eternal value and should be done as though we are working for the Lord, and not for people.

What does (or could) it look like to function as an ambassador for Christ in your work, outside of verbally proclaiming the gospel?

How does the integrity you work with reflect your status as Jesus' representative?

If you took on the mindset of working for Jesus in whatever job you do on a daily basis, how would the following things shift:

Your attitude?

Your energy and output?

Your treatment of your co-workers?

Your drive for excellence?

How does your relationship with Jesus help shape the culture around you?

How does your work restore a little piece of God's kingdom to your workplace?

Make it personal:

How does what we've studied here apply to a job you may dislike?

How could the way you do a job in a difficult situation reflect Jesus to the people you work with? To your family?

What it would feel like to hear from Jesus that you're not far from the kingdom of God, with regard to the way you do your work?

Prayer:

Father, thank You for placing Your own image inside each of us. May we always stay so intimately connected to You that Your image reflects onto everything we do: the way we live, love, and work. May our workplaces, homes and communities become holy ground as we shine Your light into the world around us. Amen.

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