

Small Group Study Questions: "First in Our Work"

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Icebreaker:

- What was the first, worst, or best job you ever had?
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Discussion Questions:

1. **Work as a Gift, Not a Curse**
 - Genesis 2:15 says God put Adam in the Garden to work and take care of it. How does this change your view of work being part of God's original design?
 2. **Created to Create**
 - Reflect on Genesis 1:27, where we're made in God's image as creative beings. How can you see your work, whether paid or unpaid, as an act of creating something meaningful?
 3. **Identity in Work**
 - The study emphasizes that your work is not your identity. How can viewing yourself as a child of God shape the way you approach your work or responsibilities?
 4. **Inviting God into Your Work**
 - In Psalm 143:8, the psalmist prays for guidance and trusts in God's unfailing love. How can you intentionally dedicate your day to God before beginning work?
 5. **Work as Worship**
 - Colossians 3:17 says, "Whatever you do or say, do it as a representative of the Lord Jesus." What does it mean to approach your work as an act of worship?
 6. **Using Work to Love Others**
 - Jesus commands us to love others in John 13:34-35. How can you use your work as an opportunity to demonstrate love to co-workers, customers, or those you serve?
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Reflection/Action Steps:

- Share one practical way you'll apply these principles to your work or daily responsibilities this week.
- Close in prayer, asking God to guide your work and help you see it as a way to honor Him and love others.