

# IT CAN BE BETTER

WEEK 4 SERMON DISCUSSION GUIDE

## CONNECT QUESTIONS

- If this is your first time meeting your group, take a moment and introduce yourself. Talk about where you grew up and tell others what your favorite breakfast cereal was as a kid.
- What was the worst job you've ever had? What made it so awful?
- What was the absolute best job you've ever had? What made it so enjoyable?
- If you could create your "dream job," what would you be doing for a living?

## KEY QUOTE

*"Your daily work is ultimately an act of worship to the God who called and equipped you to do it—no matter what kind of work it is."  
Timothy Keller*

## KEY VERSES

*Genesis 2:5-24; 3:17-19,  
Colossians 3:23-34, John 5:17,  
Matthew 6:26,  
Philippians 2:14-16*

## PRAYER

Heavenly Father,  
Thank you for the work that you have appointed to us. Help us to view that work as a blessing and not a punishment. Remind us Who we work for and help our attitudes be like yours, Jesus.  
In your name,  
Amen.

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- Jon defined work as "whatever you give your time or life to." Whether you're a full time student, full time worker or full time parent, all of us give our time to something. Including your career, identify and discuss what your "work" is.
- Read [Genesis 2:5-24](#). How does this passage talk about work? In what ways can you identify that work is a gift and not a punishment?
- Read [Genesis 3:17-19](#). How does this passage talk about work after sin entered the world? How do you see this to be the case to this day?
- Read [Colossians 3:23-24](#). How would our work change if we approached it the way this verse describes? How would our attitudes change? According to this verse, what's in it for us if we work "as for the Lord?"
- Read [John 5:17](#). What example does Jesus set for us as it relates to work? Since God is "always working," what does that reveal about whatever circumstances you're currently in?
- Take a look at [Matthew 6:26](#). How does this passage approach the theme of work? What is the point Jesus is making in this illustration about work?
- Read [Philippians 2:14-16](#). How is this passage encouraging us to approach our work? What is the goal? Describe how our work, whatever it is, is an act of worship?

## Next Steps

- Take inventory of the work you're currently committed to. Of these, how are you doing with "working as to the Lord" in these areas?
- What is one attitude or action that you can adjust this week to help you take a step toward "working as to the Lord?"