Work Life: New Work

Nov 8, 2026 I John 20:19-23; 2 Cor. 5:17-19; Matt 28:16-20; 2 Cor. 5:20-21; John 4:28-29,39-42

1. The purpose of our first work is to help the earth and its people flourish.

2. As new creations, we have been assigned new work.

3. The new work is to help reconcile people to God.

   How do we do the new work?

   a. By Grace (John 20:19-23)
   b. By Jesus' authority (Matt 28:16-20)
   c. With the Church (John 4:28,29)
   d. From your story (John 4:39)

Life Group Prep

We encourage you to reflect on and write out answers to these questions before you meet with your life group to discuss the Sunday message.

1. Read the scriptures: I John 20:19-23; 2 Cor. 5:17-19; Matt 28:16-20; 2 Cor. 5:20-21; John 4:28-29,39-42 and discuss anything that stood out to you from the scriptures or the sermon.

2. 2 Corinthians 5:17–19 says that God has given us “the ministry of reconciliation.” What does it mean to you that reconciling people to God is now part of your primary work as a follower of Jesus?

3. The sermon describes grace not only as unmerited favor but as **unmerited ability**—the capacity to do what we cannot do on our own. Where have you experienced the Holy Spirit giving you desire or ability to share Jesus that went beyond your natural personality or skill?

4. How does knowing that your authority to share the gospel comes from Jesus (rather than from your own knowledge or persuasiveness) change the way you approach conversations about faith?

5. The Samaritan woman simply invited people to “come and see.” What opportunities do you currently have to invite someone into a place where they can encounter Jesus and His people (church, small group, conversation, etc.)? What holds you back from extending those invitations?

6. Jake said that a skeptical world needs "proof of life" that Jesus is alive today, and your unique story is that evidence. What is a specific moment or story from your life—whether a miraculous intervention, a subtle answered prayer, or a season of growth—that serves as your personal "proof of life" to share with others?

7. The closing challenge is that every believer has both an ordinary job and a higher vocation: to be an ambassador of reconciliation wherever they go. Looking at the places you spend most of your time this week, what is one concrete way you can live out that higher calling?

8. This coming Saturday, we have a Career Connect at the church. This will be a time to connect with others who work in your career field. This is a time for networking, prayer, and discussing how you can serve God in your divine assignment. If you are able to come - sign up online. 9AM-10:30AM. Drinks and pastries will be served. Is anyone interested?