



WEEK SIX

Is Jesus enough when it comes to living out our vocation?

Special note for this week:

There is a video, "Work as Worship", to download and watch as part of your discussion. You can find it [here](#).

GOAL

To see every person make a life-giving connection between what they do with most of their waking hours (work) and the truth of the Bible.

TIPS

- Try and avoid theoretical discussion around the topic. Rather get your group to speak about their work and what God may be saying to them in their circumstances.
- Be aware that there may be some in your group that are between jobs or really struggling to find work, what can you do to encourage and be sensitive to them?

- Some in your group may be studying. Consider shaping and adapting the questions around future plans for work as well as how the text impacts them in their space of studying.

HEADLINES

In this final week of the Colossians series we explore: is Jesus enough when it comes to our vocation? Key text: Colossians 3:22- 4:1.

Remember our vocation is broadly defined as “that thing” you spend most of your daytime hours doing. This includes full-time parents or students.

There were 3 big points made:

- 1) We worship Jesus through wholehearted work.
- 2) We honor Jesus through virtuous work.
- 3) We serve Jesus by serving others through work.

DISCUSSION

1. *If you have been working through the Colossians devotional what have been some highlights over the last week? What has God been saying to you?*

2. *Seeing as we're talking about our vocation, let's share what we do with most of our waking hours (our work) as well as what you enjoy most about your work.*

*Let's see what the Bible has to say about our vocation from **Colossians 3:22-4:1**. Open your Bibles and someone please read for us.*

3. *If God was saying one thing to you personally in these verses, what do you think it would be?*

*Let's watch a short video clip entitled: **Work as Worship***

4. *How do some of the truths in that clip challenge some of the ways you tend to view your work?*
5. *The video made this statement, "Whether we love our work or dread it, we choose to turn the focus away from ourselves towards the mission God has for us." What does that mean for your everyday life?*
6. *Many people see work as a means to earn a paycheck and that's it, what about you?*
7. *What could you personally do more of to stop primarily seeing work as a paycheck and to start to see your work as worship?*

Facilitator: How does their work contribute to the well-being of others or the city? How does it serve people? In what way does your work reflect God's character or nature? What opportunities for relationship does your work provide?

PRAYER

Consider breaking into groups of 3 or 4 to pray. There may be 4 kinds of prayers that could work well for various people:

1. After all our talking, what could we pray for you that will help you as you seek to increasingly work as worship?
2. If you are feeling discouraged in your work, let's pray and encourage you.
3. If you are unemployed - let's ask God for employment.
4. If you need guidance or wisdom for your work, let's ask God to give it to you.

GOING DEEPER

1) Colossians devotional:

<http://commonground.co.za/wpcontent/uploads/2017/03/Colossions-devotionweb.pdf>