



Discussion Questions

Sermon title: "Work: What Went Wrong?!"

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Don't feel pressured to cover every single question, especially in the "Let's Dig" section.

Let's Talk

1. What is the best surprise you have experienced in the past few years? What made it so special?

Let's Dig

1. Does your experience with work cause you to laugh or to cry? What makes you laugh? What makes you cry?
2. Read Genesis 3:7-11. Sin causes us to hide from each other and from God. What helps us stop hiding? What are the benefits of living "naked and not ashamed"?
3. Read Genesis 3:12-13. Adam and Eve chose to blame others for their sin. What helps you to choose to assume responsibility rather than blame others? How does that impact your relationships and your work experience?
4. Read Genesis 3:17-19. Work is cursed and is now marked by painful toil, thorns and thistles. How has that translated into your work experience?
5. "Work is difficult." Agree? Disagree? What helps you persist when work is difficult, especially when you know it is the work you are supposed to be doing?
6. Do you ever struggle with looking for significance and acceptance through achievement rather than acceptance? What encourages that approach? What helps us rest in acceptance, from God and others?
7. What do you tend to focus more on when you work; what you are doing or how you are doing it? How do you think we should approach this tension?
8. Read Ephesians 4:29. What helps you use words constructively rather than destructively? What is one specific thing you can change to make your use of words more constructive?
9. Are you a good customer? What thoughts or actions need to change in order to become a better "customer" or "server"?

Let's Act

1. Think of a very specific, practical way you can serve someone this week through working for their benefit. It can be at a formal work setting, as a volunteer, or as a family member or friend to others.

For Next Week

Next week's sermon is titled, "Work: What Difference Can Faith Make?" It is the third sermon in a 4-week series called Life@Work. Pastor Geoff Bohleen will be preaching. Please read Micah 6:8 & Isaiah 1:1-20 to prepare.

