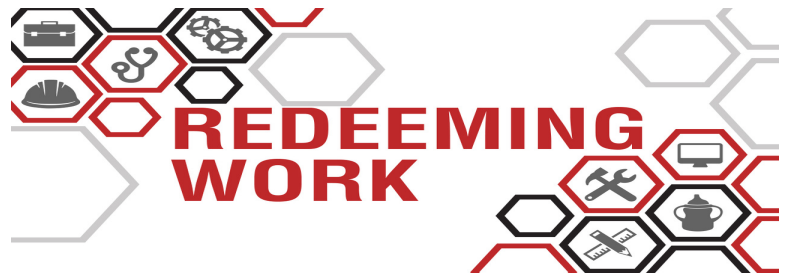




# GRACE

FELLOWSHIP

*"God Created You to be a Worker like Him"*  
Genesis 1:26-28; 2:1-3,15  
Lead Pastor Brad Bigney



*The sermon curriculum is designed to help facilitate small group conversation towards application of sermon. These are ideas to help get the conversation started, so feel free to use whatever is most helpful!*

## **Outline**

Read Genesis 1:26-28; 2:1-3,15 and review the main points of the sermon below:

### **I. Work is not a Curse but a Calling**

- A. You were designed by God for work
- B. Your work matters to God regardless of how important the world thinks it is

### **II. Work is not your identity but a way to glorify God and serve others**

- A. You Glorify God when you do any kind of excellent work
- B. You love and serve others when you do any kind of excellent work

## **Sermon Discussion:**

### **I. Conversation Starter Questions**

- A. What job did you want as a kid and why?
- B. What was your first job and how did that go?
- C. Are you surprised that work was a part of paradise (before the Fall)?
- D. Does 2 Thessalonians 3:10 seem harsh? "If anyone is not willing to work, let him not eat."
- E. What did you think of the thought that boredom is really a lack of meaningful work?
- E. What's the difference between work being cursed, and thinking work is a curse?

### **II. Application Questions**

- A. In what ways are our different occupations cursed? What makes them unpleasant?!
- B. How does your job express aspects of the curse? What's challenging?
- C. In what ways have you seen some things you do as sacred, and other things are secular? How did this message challenge your thinking in this?
- D. How can you recognize if your work is too closely tied to your identity, rather than a way to Glorify God and serve others?
- E. What does it look like for you to do your job with excellence for God's glory?

### **III. Gospel Connection – It always comes back to Jesus!**

We are FREE from working for our identity because we have done it all perfectly in Christ! We can now live and serve with a heart of thanksgiving and generosity – all because of Him!

### **IV. Prayer Focus Ideas**

- A. How are you struggling in your job? While your job will probably not change tomorrow, how can your heart be strengthened by biblical thinking?
- B. How are you convicted and perhaps need to confess sinful perspectives of your work?

**BONUS:** Take some time this week to watch *Chariots of Fire* and listen to John Coltrane's "A Love Supreme"!