



## ***“Your Work has been Twisted by Sin”***

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Genesis 3:14-19; 4:6-7; Romans 8:22-30

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*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 3:14-19; 4:6-7; Romans 8:22-30 and review the main points of the sermon below:

**I. If You Get Sucked into Doing Restless Work Instead of Rested Work – You’ll Experience a Loss of Joy and Peace No Matter How Gifted You Are**

**II. If You Get Sucked into Thinking Only Certain Work is Worthy Work – You’ll Experience a Loss of Contentment and Gratitude for Where God Has Placed You Right Now**

**III. If You Get Sucked into Thinking You Are Your Work – You’ll Experience a Loss of Security and Confusion Over What Matters Most**

**Colossians 3:1-4** “If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.”

### **Sermon Discussion:**

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

- A. What’s a part of your job that you can be tempted to think is menial? What do you **groan** about?!
- B. Give a summary of the difference between “restless work” and “rested work.”
- C. What does it mean when “you **are** your work”? How have you experienced a misplaced identity in what you observe of others, or yourself? How does it come out practically?

#### **II. Application Questions**

- A. Our emotions and inner thoughts (the thoughts of our heart—our inner man) reveal what we really believe. Do a loss of peace and joy about an aspect of your work reveal an area that the Lord is working on in this series?
- B. Is there something in your work that defines you more than your relationship with Jesus? Is there something in your work that would devastate you if it were taken away?

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

How does your confidence in your relationship with the Lord work its way out into your daily work?

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

- A. Re-read Romans 8:22-30 and confess how you are tempted to “groan without hope.”
- B. Pray for each other to “groan WITH hope” – work out what Christ has done!