"You are Gifted for Work"

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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

- I. You need to give credit where credit is due.

 You can do what you do *only* because God gifted you to do it!
- II. You need to see your work as a daily divine appointment to glorify God by serving Him and others.
- III. You need to be motivated less by those who pay you and more by the One who paid *for* you—Jesus Christ.

Sermon Discussion:

I. Conversation Starter Questions

- A. What's the worse job you've ever had?
- B. What's something you're definitely NOT gifted to do?
- C. How have you struggled to understand what the Bible says about gifts?

II. Application Questions

- A. Every good gift comes from God (James 1:17). Name two or three seemingly mundane, but divinely given abilities for which you should be thankful to God. (These are things that enable you to do your work everyday.)
- B. Read Psalm 139:13-16. In the context of our daily work, what does that tell you about how God designed and gifted you?
- C. What are specific abilities, talents & gifts the Lord has given you that you use everyday?
- D. How has God providentially arranged your present circumstances to serve others and please Him?
- E. Come up with an "I will..." statement, stating one thing you will do in light of the sermon that was preached.

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

Trusting Jesus with more than just eternity, His grace changes the way we see our gifts and talents

IV. Prayer Focus Ideas

- A. What would help you to understand how God has gifted you—that you are His workmanship?
- B. What gift do you need to ask the Lord for wisdom to develop and use for His glory?

