



## ***Don't Let Your Work Become Idolatrous***

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Romans 1:18-26

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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 Romans 1:18-26 and review the main points of the sermon below:

We have a tendency to take a good thing that God gave us and try to turn it into a God thing or an ultimate thing, so that we no longer need God.

#### **I. Your Work Should Never Be Your Ultimate Source of Satisfaction**

Looking to your work for ultimate satisfaction is a deadly spiritual danger that can leave you devastated and empty.

#### **II. Your Work Should Never Be Your Attempt to make a Great Name for Yourself**

#### **III. Your Work Should Never be First and Foremost about Making a Difference in the World**

#### **IV. Your Work Should Never Swallow Up Your Identity**

### **Sermon Discussion:**

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

- A. Which is your favorite Rocky movie or scene?!
- B. What do you enjoy most about your work?
- C. What abilities do you use/not use in your current job?
- D. What are “bunts, singles and strike outs” in your current job? Why can those seem unimportant?
- E. Read the paragraph from David Brooks’ “The Service Patch” – what’s the danger of our current culture’s perspective on “community service.”

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

- A. Has anyone experienced a time in your life that you found out that work was too important in your life? What happened and how did that impact you?
- B. How can you tell if you’re more concerned with what people think than you should be? What’s the difference between being open to hearing people’s thoughts and being dependent on them?
- C. How can you tell if your work is more important to your identity than it should be?
- D. Augustine: “Love God and do as you please.” What does this change in your life?

**III. Gospel Connection** – “For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.” 2 Cor. 5:21. Do you see how the Gospel changes our view of our work?

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

- A. How are you tempted to find your ultimate satisfaction in work?
- B. How can you rest in your identity in Christ in your work this week?