



## ***“Your Work is an Act of Worship and Service”***

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Matthew 22:34-40

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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 Matthew 22:34-40 and review the main points of the sermon below:

#### **I. Your Work is an Opportunity to Worship God**

“Your love for God should motivate you to work, no matter the particulars of what you do, ‘with your whole heart.’ If you are a mother, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord. If you are a student, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord. If you make cars, close sales, litigate, or medicate, do it as if you are working for the Lord himself – because you are! You love God; therefore work with all of your heart.”

*The Gospel at Work*, Sebastian Traeger and Greg Gilbert (p. 60-61)

#### **II. Your Work is an Opportunity to Serve Others**

“Christianity creates no division of secular and sacred. Every task we undertake, paid or not, is to be done for God. Your job—whether you are building something, cooking a meal, changing a diaper, or sweeping the floor—is for His pleasure and is done in His presence.”

*Your Greatest Missional Context – Your Vocation*, J.R. Vassar

### **Sermon Discussion:**

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

- A. Tell your occupation and brainstorm as a group who all is affected by what you do.
- B. What do we mean when we use the word WORSHIP outside of a church service?
- C. What do we mean by secular and sacred?

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

- A. How are you tempted to see some things in your life as secular, and some as sacred?
- B. How do you struggle with your **effort and attitude** in your job?
- C. What would Jesus look like doing your job?! How can your effort and attitude look more like what He would do?
- D. Do you look more to be served rather than serve others in your job?

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

We are God’s workmanship, created to worship Him and serve others in everything we do!

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

- A. What do you see the Lord is calling you to put into practice as an expression of worship at your work?
- B. How can you intentionally serve others in practical ways at your work?