

## Course Outline

### The Story of Work

*Week 1: A Biblical Theology of Work*

*Week 2: The Problem with Work*

### Our Work as the Redeemed

*Week 3: A New Boss: How Jesus' Work Changes Our Work*

*Week 4: A New Goal: Success is Faithfulness*

### How We Work

*Week 5: Motivation: Faithfulness Changes Why We Work*

*Week 6: Relationships: Imaging Christ in the Workplace*

*Week 7: Ethics: Case Studies for the Modern Workplace*

*Week 8: Balance: Christians Are Not Balanced People*

*Week 9: Work at different stages of life*

## Questions?

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## Suggested Reading

*The Gospel at Work (Traeger, Gilbert)*

*Work: Its Purpose, Dignity, and Transformation (Dorani)*

*Every Good Endeavor (Keller)*

*Work Matters: Connecting Sunday Worship to Monday Work (Nelson)*



# CHRISTIANS IN THE WORKPLACE

## A BIBLICAL THEOLOGY OF WORK - GOSPEL GROWTH STUDIES

### INTRODUCTION - THE STORY OF WORK

Why do you work? What's the significance of your work? That depends on the \_\_\_\_\_ you attach to your work.

### ACT I - CREATION

The story of work begins with God, who is a \_\_\_\_\_.

Genesis 2:2: *"By the seventh day, God had finished the work he had been doing..."*

We are the work product of God, made in his \_\_\_\_\_.

God put Adam and Even in the garden to \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ it.

**Lesson #1** God's original purpose for human work was to advance human \_\_\_\_\_ to the glory of God.

## ACT II - FALL

Adam and Even failed to do their \_\_\_\_\_.

They were kicked out of the garden, but were not relieved of \_\_\_\_\_.

Because of the fall, the work \_\_\_\_\_ change.

It becomes \_\_\_\_\_.

It becomes \_\_\_\_\_.

It becomes \_\_\_\_\_ for survival.

Because of the fall, the \_\_\_\_\_ themselves change.

Some no longer use work to worship God, but to worship idols. They are \_\_\_\_\_ by their work.

Others call on the name of the Lord, and are defined by the name of the Lord whom they \_\_\_\_\_.

**Lesson #2** The problem with work is a lost connection between God, worship, and work.

## ACT III - REDEMPTION

The work of Christ was redemption—to \_\_\_\_\_ the sin of the world. "It is finished!" (John 19:30).

\_\_\_\_\_ are redeemed. Work is not.

How does redemption change workers?

We \_\_\_\_\_—turning from idolatrous attitudes toward work, because our identity is no longer in work but in Christ. Col. 3:1-3.

We \_\_\_\_\_—turning to worshipping God in work. Co. 3:17, 22-23.

**Lesson #3** As redeemed sinners, our work can now \_\_\_\_\_ God's work, to the glory of God. It can be worship again.

## ACT IV - RESTORATION

Romans 8: *"the creation itself will be liberated"*

Isaiah 65: *"I will create new heavens and a new earth. ... They will build houses and dwell in them, they will plant vineyards and eat their fruit. ... They will not toil in vain."*

Revelation 21: *"They will bring into [the city] the glory and honor of the nations."*