

## 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: Ethics: Case Studies for the Modern Workplace*

*Week 7: Evangelism: Proclaiming Christ in the 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 Matters: Connecting Sunday Worship to Monday Work (Nelson)*

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

*Every Good Endeavor (Keller)*



# CHRISTIANS IN THE WORKPLACE

## LESSON: THE PROBLEM WITH WORK - GOSPEL GROWTH STUDIES

### INTRODUCTION - HOURS & MINUTES

### IDOLATRY OF OUR WORK

What is an idol?

Exodus 20:4

Luke 4:8

Luke 18:18 – 29

An idol is something that you \_\_\_\_\_ more than you \_\_\_\_\_.

What does it look like to make an idol out of our work?

Work is your primary source of \_\_\_\_\_

Work is primarily about making a \_\_\_\_\_ for yourself

Work is primarily about making a \_\_\_\_\_ in the world

What does it look like to be idle in our work?

Work is a \_\_\_\_\_ to an \_\_\_\_\_—a place to serve your own needs.

Work is a totally \_\_\_\_\_ place.

Work is \_\_\_\_\_ from your Christian discipleship.

## **IDLENESS IN OUR WORK**

What is idleness?

Proverbs 20:4 - The Sluggard does not plow in the autumn; he will seek at harvest and have nothing.

2 Thess. 3:10 - The one who is unwilling to work shall not eat.

Colossians 3:22–24 - Bondservants, obey in everything those who are your earthly masters, not by way of eye-service, as people-pleasers, but with sincerity of heart, fearing the Lord. Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men, knowing that from the Lord you will receive the inheritance as your reward. You are serving the Lord Christ.

## **GOOD NEWS FOR THE IDOLATROUS AND THE IDLE**

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

How does the gospel change workers?

We \_\_\_\_\_—turning from idolatry and idleness, because our identity is no longer in work (or avoiding it) but in Christ. Col. 3:22-23

We \_\_\_\_\_—turning to worshipping God in work. Col. 3:17

*“No matter what you do, your job has inherent purpose and meaning because you are doing it ultimately for the King. Who you work for is more important than what you do.” - Traeger and Gilbert, The Gospel at Work*