

'You have the best job in the World'

Part 1 – *Find meaning and purpose in your job*

'Quiet Quitting'

Idolatry and Idleness

Idol

1. Is work the primary source of your satisfaction?
2. Is work about making a name for yourself?
3. Is your work mainly about the difference you can make in the world?

Idle

1. Is your work merely a means to an end?
2. Does your work only ever frustrate you?
3. Is your work divorced from your discipleship?

In groups – 3s or 4s

- *Live to work vs work to live – what is your natural inclination?*
- *In your current week, where are you tempted to make your work an idol, and where are you tempted to be idle?*

What does God think we need to know about work?

- **Work is God-like – Genesis 1,2**

- **Work is frustrating – Genesis 3**

In groups

- *Where do you see goodness in your work – how does your work help to subdue the earth, to bring order out of chaos?*
- *Where is your work grim and frustrating?*

- **You work for Jesus now – Colossians 3**
 - Do what your boss tells you – even when no-one's watching (Col 3:22)
 - However great or tedious the task – work wholeheartedly *for Jesus* (Col 3:23,24)
 - ... your reward is already in the bank (Col 3:24b)

Find meaning and purpose in your job

You are now free. Free from the need to secure self-worth through performance. Free from the fear you will lose what is most precious to you if things don't go well. Free from a mad dash to work, work, work without any rest—as if the world depended on your effort. Free to work before the King with joy, even if it's not the work you would have chosen for yourself. Free to serve others as you worship the King. It really is true. Working for Jesus changes . . . everything.

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Taking the Truth Deeper

How does working for Jesus help you not to idolise your work?

How does working for Jesus help you not to be idle in your work?