

Rethinking Work

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Reflect + Discuss

- How has your view of work changed over the past few years?
- What comes to mind when you hear faith and work in the same sentence? Do you ever feel like you are compartmentalizing your faith?
- Read Genesis 2:1-3. What is your initial reaction to the idea that God is a working God? How does this impact your understanding of God creating us in His image?
- Read Genesis 1:27-28, and 2:15. What did it mean for Adam and Eve to be working in the garden? In your own words, how would you describe God's original intention for work?
- Read Genesis 3:17-19. Which of the consequences of Adam and Eve's disobedience (work becomes hard, frustrating, for survival, an end in itself) resonate with you the most?
- Read Colossians 3:23-24. What does it mean that we should approach work as if we're doing it for Jesus? What does that look like in your own work?

Pray

- Pray for the ability to tend to things in your life with the mindset of working for God.
- The fall of mankind (described in Genesis 3) damaged the concept of work. Pray for those experience exploitation in their work (ex. modern day slavery, unsafe work conditions, etc.)

Next Steps

- Take an inventory of all the things you do that you would define as "work" (ex. cleaning your home, weeding your garden, being a caregiver for someone, etc.) Remember to think outside the box of paid work - thinking of work through the lens of "tending to things so that everyone can flourish" may help this process. Choose one of these things and try to redefine it as you go about your week, reflecting on Colossians 3:23-24 as you do. At the end of the week, do you notice a difference in how you approach that task? What could it look like to take this approach in all of your work?
- Check out the current series page on the [Resource & Tools page](#) of the website for some resources for taking your next step!
- Check out this upcoming work and faith event at Upper House on July 27-28. <https://www.upperhouse.org/event/agents-of-transformation/>