



Work as Worship

Leader Guide



Welcome

We spend more time in our adult lives working than we spend doing any other thing—well, except for sleeping (maybe!). It is important that we get this right. More than that, we must develop a theology of work that allows us to put work in its proper place, and to see it as an opportunity to worship our Creator. Let's get started!

Series Overview

Week 1: Your Work Matters to God

Discover that work was a part of God's good plan for humankind long before sin and brokenness entered the picture.

Week 2: Performance and Attitude

Consider the important of performance and attitude while on the job. The way we work reflects on us, but it also reflects on the God we claim to serve!

Week 3: Christian Employees

Jesus modeled a life of service for all who choose to follow him. Christians have a unique opportunity to live this out as employees at their places of work.

Week 4: Christian Owners and Managers

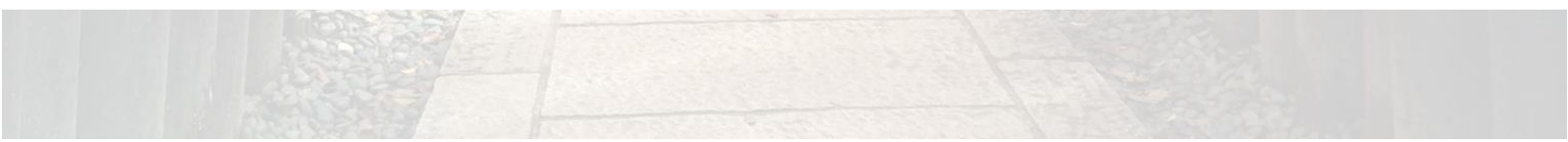
Wrestle with the responsibility that God has given Christian leaders. Owners and managers have the ability to create cultures that shape the spiritual, physical, and emotional health of their employees!

Week 5: Your Faith at Work

Overcome the excuses and obstacles we all encounter when it comes to sharing our faith at work.

Week 6: Don't Worship Work

Confront the ways in which you and your group members may have allowed work to become an idol—something that takes the place of God in the lives of believers.



Discipleship Insights

- This study will provide your group with opportunities to reflect on their attitude, behavior, job performance, and decision-making. If you find that your group is having trouble sharing openly, you can try any of the following strategies:
 - As the leader, go first and model authenticity.
 - Prepare someone ahead of time by asking them one of the study questions in advance and letting them know that you would like them to come prepared to share at the next group time.
 - Remind your group that authenticity and truth-telling are essential to having transformational conversations.
 - Have your group break up into pairs or groups of three to discuss some of the more difficult questions. They may feel more comfortable sharing in a smaller group. Just don't forget to have each group share one discovery with the larger group.
- Your group members may be involved in many different kinds of careers. Some may work from home, care for their children (or parents), while others may be full time students. Think of ways to include everyone in the conversation so that no one feels isolated.
- Consider the following Marks of Ownership as you lead your group through this study: Found People Find People and Passionately Pursuing Jesus. How might you challenge your LG members in specific ways to grow in these areas?