

Small Group Questions | January 21st, 2018

Kingdom Wisdom – Work (Proverbs 6:6-11, 11:1-10, 16:3-9, 16)

Sermon Recap: Travis explained that we are not to avoid or idolize work but to partner with God to redeem the promise of work in our daily lives. Though the curse brought pains to our work, we can take courage that God got his hands dirty first in creation. Proverbs teaches that we can and ought to disadvantage ourselves for the advantage of the community. This is what it means to be a redeemed child of God.

Hook: *These questions can help encourage conversation.*

1. What was your first job? Did you appreciate it or not?

Look: *Read the sermon passage. Answer the following textual questions.*

2. What are the implications of God being the first to get his hands dirty in Gen 1:27-28; 2:7?
3. What job description does God offer to us from Gen 1:28; 2:15?
4. In reading through the verses in Proverbs 6, 11, and 16, what are the results of avoiding or idolizing work?
5. What does partnering with God in work look like today?

Took: *Applying the message to our lives.*

6. In what ways do you avoid the problems of work? In what ways do you idolize the power of work?
7. Waltke said, *"The righteous are willing to disadvantage themselves to advantage the community; the wicked are willing to disadvantage the community to advantage themselves."* What are some ways you can disadvantage yourself for the benefit of others around you?
8. Perhaps you're a parent or retiree, what contribution can you make to your children/next generation with regards to redeeming work as a child of God?

Prayer/Verse:

When it goes well with the righteous (or *'...the righteous are good'*), the city rejoices, and when the wicked perish there are shouts of gladness. – Pr 11:10