



MONDAY'S CALLING

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SESSION 2 — WORK IS GOD'S DESIGN

Before Session Two, you will need to download and print copies of the Reflection handout for each participant. This will be passed out at the end of class. You will also need to download a copy of the audio teaching for Session Two from the Monday's Calling website. This session also includes viewing a YouTube video on work as worship, which can be found at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=m06DYIAeCtU>

Welcome

Welcome to week two of Monday's Calling!

Did anyone notice God at work in your workplace in a new way? Or have any Divine Appointments this week? Today, we are going to continue studying the topic of work as God's good design for our lives.

Open in Prayer

Before we begin, Let's open in prayer:

Lord, thank you for the special God moments You gave us this past week. Thank you for this opportunity to gather as Your children whom You have called to the marketplace. Open our hearts and minds to understand our work from Your point of view. Give us Your eyes to see and Your ears to hear. We want to serve You well in our generation in the places You have planted us. Holy Spirit, come and guide our thoughts and lead our discussion today. In Jesus' name I pray, Amen.

Scripture Reading

Let's open our Bibles and read two of the passages we are going to look at today.

Have someone read Genesis 1:31-2:3, and also 2:15.

In those verses, we see that God had been "working," using His creative powers to make creation, then He said it was good. A little later, we see God taking Adam and Eve, whom He had made in His image, and placing them in the Garden of Eden to work. The gift of work was given before the Fall of humankind. In the perfect world God created, He intended work to be a blessing and to have meaning.

Does anyone else have any observations about those verses?

Listen to the Audio Teaching

(Tip – The audio teaching mentions work as a curse. To help your group understand God's good plan for their lives, at the end of the teaching, you will want to refocus the group on the New Testament understanding of work.)

Explain - "Jesus' work on the cross frees us. In Christ, the Kingdom of God broke into human history to bring redemption to all things – including work. The Gospel changes the way we work – we join God in bringing restoration to the world. Also, since we are loved and accepted by our Heavenly Father, we can approach our work with peace and security, rather than striving to gain a name for ourselves, or fearful of our position."



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Scripture

Have someone read Ephesians 2:10, “For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand so that we would walk in them.”

Spend a few minutes discussing the scripture. Ask, “What stands out to you from that verse?”

Show the Work as Worship Video on YouTube

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=m06DYIAeCtU>

Discussion

Question 1 - What stood out to you from the teachings today or the Work as Worship video?

Question 2 - Do you have a theology of work? If so, how has it changed as a result of this teaching?

Question 3 - As Brad mentioned in his teaching, humans are the only thing in creation designed to join God in the work He is doing. How does your work help pave the way for the Kingdom of Heaven on earth?

Question 4 - What are the chief idols that you see in your work and in your co-workers? How is Jesus better than those idols?

Question 5 - How does you doing your job well and reflect the character of our Heavenly Father – His character, competence, caring about people?

Close in prayer

Lord, thank you for the redemption given for all areas of our lives through the cross, including our work. Help us fully understand our work as a gift from You. We are grateful for the good works You have prepared for us. Father, this week help us see our work as worship to you. Show us how we can join You in the work you are doing re-creating this world. Help us be a light for Christ in our workplaces this week. In Jesus' name I pray. Amen.

(Tip - It is also nice to do open prayers, sometimes called Popcorn Prayers, at the end. Tell the group you will open in prayer and select someone to be the person that closes the prayer. Explain that others can pray in between the opening and closing prayer as they feel prompted or comfortable.)

Give each participant a Reflection handout to take home.



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During the Week

Pray for the people in your class.

Throughout the week, pray for the participants in your class by name, asking God to meet them in their workplaces and give them supernatural solutions for all the challenges they face. Ask the Lord to help each person see their work as a gift from Him for them to enjoy – knowing that as they enjoy His gifts, they are worshipping Him.

Midweek (Between your sessions) e-mail all the participants;

Good evening!

I am looking forward to our third session of Monday's Calling on (insert day and time). This week we will examine another case study and discuss how we can bring glory to God through our work.

Remember, as you thank the Lord for His gift of work and the unique things He has created you to do, and you invite Him to share that area of your life more deeply - you are worshipping Him.

I look forward to our time together this week!

(Your Name)