

LIFE Group Leader Handout

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“Good Work— Connecting Our Work To God’s”

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Scriptures— John 5:9, 16-17 (shown); also 2 Corinthians 1:8-12; Col 3:23-24

9 “And at once the man was healed, and he took up his bed and walked.

16 And this was why the Jews were persecuting Jesus, because he was doing these things on the Sabbath. 17 But Jesus answered them, “My Father is working until now, and I am working.”

Main Idea—Work was and is part of God’s perfect design for human life. It is an important and dignified part of demonstrating that we are made in His image.

We have a role in the continuation of God’s creation, regardless of your (legitimate) work.

Even when our work is hard, God is at work (3 ways)

1. God is at work in the provision of work itself.
2. God is at work in the relationships with our bosses and co-workers.
3. God is at work in providing for those in need.

Application—

Which of the 3 questions we most personal to you:

- 1) Does my work really matter to God?
- 2) Is there a bigger for my work that I haven’t considered until now?
- 3) What about when work is hard?

How would you answer these 2 questions:

- 1) Do I work in faith (in fellowship with God)?
- 2) Do I work in love (in fellowship with others)?

What is my next step for this week at work?