

CONNECTION QUESTION

Work can be difficult. What is your favorite part of your vocation? What is your least favorite part? How do these relate to this week’s topic?

BRINGING THE BIBLE TO LIFE

> Read Genesis 3:17-19.

What are some of the words used to describe the effect of the Fall on our work?

How is your work painful? In what ways is it hard? How does this differ from God’s original plan for work?

> Read Deuteronomy 28:28-29.

Another effect of the Fall is confusion in our work. How has confusion made your work harder (miscommunication, lack of clear purpose, wrong goals, etc.)?

> Read Ecclesiastes 2:18-23.

Here the Teacher speaks of the meaninglessness of work. Can you relate to his words here? How does your work sometimes feel meaningless?

Read Ecclesiastes 12:13-14. How does this command help us when our work seems meaningless?

WORK AS WORSHIP

Even when we don’t enjoy our jobs, God can use them to make us more like him. How can God use your difficult situations to make you more like him this week?

Think of a difficult co-worker, boss, or customer that you interact with consistently. How does God want to shape your character through those interactions?

God created work good, but it has been affected by sin, just like everything else. How can this “realism”—recognizing both the good and the bad—help you have the right attitude in your work?