

Text: Gen 2:8, 15-18

Title: “I don’t work”

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Series: Shining Like Stars

**[For Group Leaders:** The following serves only as a guide. Please feel free to adapt according to the needs of your group.]

**1. SERMON RECAP**

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- a. Our workplace is a gift from God (Gen 2:8). It is *wherever God has planted us until He replants us somewhere else.*
- b. We work to *serve and bless (Gen 1:28, 2:15), with the abilities and resources God has given us.*
- c. The value and meaning of work:
  - i. *Living out the God-nature in us (Gen 2:2, God worked)*
  - ii. *Revealing God’s glory (Gen 1:27, made in His image)*
  - iii. *Enjoying God and His Blessings (Gen 2:2, God rested)*
- d. Our work is both *Worship and Witness.*

**2. LIVE IT OUT**

- a. Share with your group (rate 1 – 10):
  - i. Your happiness level at work
  - ii. Your fruitfulness level at work
- b. We are all called to work in the ‘garden’ that God has given to us.
  - i. Where would you consider your primary workplace ?
  - ii. Do you agree with the definition that our workplace is “where we spend most of waking hours”?

- c. (Break into groups of 3-4 for this part)

Ask each person to list down three ‘fruits’ or ‘products’ of their current workplace. Then discuss:

- i. In what ways are these products a blessing and service to others?
- ii. How do these products reveal God’s glory?
- iii. What is the relationship between what we produce and who we are (i.e. our character)?

d. Which of the following types of workers do you identify most with?

- *the “non-worker”*
- *the low-significance worker*
- *the minimal worker*
- *the hardworking but unhappy worker*
- *the self-serving worker*
- *the “no need to work anymore” worker*

Commit with each other to take actions so that we will become the kind of worker God created us to be – workers who serve and bless, and whose daily work witnesses to His glory and goodness.

3. **PRAY**

- Take turns to pray for one another, giving thanks for the abilities and resources (*name these specifically*) that God has given to each group member to enable him/her to be productive, creative and fruitful.
- Pray for group members who might be struggling in their current work or workplace. Ask them to share, and pray for them specifically.

4. **GOING DEEPER**

- Psalm 90:16-17

*“Let Your work appear to Your servants,  
And Your glory to their children.  
And let the beauty of the Lord our God be upon us,  
And establish the work of our hands for us;  
Yes, establish the work of our hands.”*

Notice how many times the word “work” appears in this passage. Explore the different meanings each time it is used.

What is the relationship between “work”, “glory” and “beauty”?

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