

## **Why Work?** (Genesis 1-2)

Many struggle to find meaning in the work that they do. A job can feel purposeless, or become simply a way to survive and pay the bills. But in the first two chapters of Genesis, we see a description of work that will both challenge our misconceptions and give us renewed purpose.

### **Myth 1: Work is a necessary evil**

- Genesis 2:15, 1:1-5, 1:26-27

*Truth: Rather than a necessary evil, God shows us that work is good.*

### **Myth 2: Work is about making money**

- Genesis 1:28, 2:19;

*Truth: Work is more than making money, it is about making God known in the world.*

- bringing order from chaos
- culture making

### **Myth 3: Some work is sacred and some is secular**

- Genesis 2:15; 1 Peter 2:9

*Truth: All work is sacred if done for and with God!*

**QUESTIONS** (Pray, read the passage and pick 4-5 questions to discuss. Trust the Holy Spirit to guide.)

1. Can you think of a time when you experienced the futility of work? What about a time when you found deep fulfillment in particular work (paid or unpaid)?
2. Read Gen. 1:1-5. As you consider God as the first worker, how does his work of creation give inherent dignity to work?
3. Read Gen. 1:26-28. How can we as image-bearers copy God as we work?
4. Think about the idea of bringing order from chaos - how can this be done in the work you do? What about making culture?
5. Have you ever thought of your job as a sacred calling? What are some ways your work could be done as worship to the Lord or as a way to love your neighbor?
6. Is there something going on with your job you would like prayer for?