

Week 3: The Vanity of Work

Date: September 26th, 2021

Passage: Ecclesiastes 2:18-23

Small Group Discussion questions help us dig deeper, connecting Sunday's sermons with our everyday lives. These questions have been designed to help Small Groups grow in their relationship with God, with one another, and with their neighbors. Please know that these questions are meant to be a resource to you. You do not have to follow them verbatim or get through them all. Use these questions in the way that best serves your Small Group.

1. **Read** Ecclesiastes 2:18-23
2. What stood out to you from the sermon and this passage? What challenged you? Encouraged you?
3. What did God do after He worked for 6 days?
4. Do you try to take one "*Sabbath*" day a week? Why or why not? Why do you think most people have a hard time slowing down and unplugging for a whole day?
5. In the sermon, Tom shared about how work can be oppressive. Have you ever experienced this? Where do you see this happening in our world today?
6. Before sin entered the world, Adam and Eve were commissioned by God to work. Therefore, work is not a necessary evil, but is woven into our nature as image bearers of God. In Heaven, we will also work. How does this understanding of work challenge common notions of work?
7. **Read** First Thessalonians 4:10-12 - Discuss
8. **Read** Hebrews 4:1-10 - Discuss.
9. Where can we find true "rest" from our "work?"

Pray: Thank God for giving you true joy and lasting happiness in Christ. Ask God to forgive you when you make idol's out of world things. Ask God to give you the gift of joy. Ask God to let the joy of the Lord be your strength for all you face this week.