

Small Group Discussion Questions

Over the last few weeks, part of our benediction from Hebrews 13 was ‘make you complete in every good work’

Sometimes we make a hierarchy of heroes of the faith – those who work for God are above those who just work.

*Do you enjoy your work?

*What does it feel like to have an ‘ordinary life’ rather than some radical ministry for God?

Read and discuss I Thessalonians 4:11-12 (NTE)

¹¹ You should make it your ambition to live peacefully, to mind your own business, and to work with your own hands, just as we commanded you, ¹² so that you may behave in a way which outsiders will respect, and so that none of you may be in financial difficulties.

*What is this passage saying to you?

*What does it seem to say about how we work?

Our ambition should be to live peacefully

This is a life that is not out to agitate.

*What would this look like in your life? In your work?

Our ambition should be to mind our own business

We each have affairs to mind.

*What would this look like in your life? In your work?

*What affairs have you been called to mind?

Our ambition should be to work with our own hands

Today we are to be a people who work to provide for our needs and the needs of others.

*How does this ambition apply to the everyday work you do?

Our work IS our worship

We can find fulfillment, provision, character building and opportunity in work as worship.

*How does it compartmentalize our faith to separate work from worship?

*Are there ways that you have seen God’s work in your vocation?

*How does it change our perception of our work when it IS work for God?