

### 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)**

*<sup>11</sup> 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, <sup>12</sup> 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?