

Course outline

The Story of Work

Week 1: A Biblical Theology of Work

Week 2: The Problem with Work

Our Work as the Redeemed

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Week 4: A New Goal: Success is Faithfulness

How We Work

Week 5: Motivation: Faithfulness Changes Why We Work

Week 6: Relationships: Imaging Christ in the Workplace

Week 7: Balance: Christians Are *Not* Balanced People

Week 8: Gender: Being Who You Are in the Workplace

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Week 10: Finding a Job: Putting First Things First

Week 11: Evangelism: Sharing Christ With Your Colleagues

Week 12: Work at different stages of life

Week 13: Panel Q&A

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Suggested reading

- *The Gospel at Work* (Traeger, Gilbert)
- *God at Work* (Veith)
- *The Call* (Guinness)

Christians in the Workplace



Class 2: The Problem with Work

Introduction

Idolatry

What is an idol?

Luke 18:18 – 29

An idol is something that you desire more than you desire Jesus.

Do you make an idol of your work?

1. *Is your work the primary source of your satisfaction?*
2. *Is your work all about being the best so you can make a name for yourself?*
3. *Is your work primarily about making a difference in the world?*

What do we do about idolatry of work?

Idleness

The Bible on idleness

Slaves, obey your earthly masters in everything; and do it, not only when their eye is on you and to curry their favor, but with sincerity of heart and reverence for the Lord. Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters, since you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward. It is the Lord Christ you are serving. – Col. 3:22-24

Are you idle in your work?

1. *Is your work is merely a means to an end, a place to serve your own needs?*
2. *Does your work totally frustrates you?*
3. *Has your work become divorced from your Christian discipleship?*

Why Idleness is not an option



Conclusion