

Title: **A Biblical Perspective of Work**
Text: **Genesis 2:15-17**
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Big Idea

We often think of work as a “four-letter word.” It’s more of a burden than a blessing. It’s a “necessary evil.” We spend much of our lives doing it hoping only to someday be done with it. But God views our work differently. He created it, before the Fall, as something good. And, in Christ, he’s redeeming it to be as such once more!

Scene #1: Genesis 2

1. This morning’s not so dirty four letter word is _____.
2. Before the Fall, Adam was put in the garden by God to _____ and _____ it.
3. The Garden of Eden was like a Sanctuary because Adam was in the presence of _____.

Scene #2: Numbers 3

4. In the Arabian Desert, God takes the _____ in place of the firstborn sons of Israel that they might do the work of tabernacle.

5. We stand in the same place as Aaron before God, because we are all called to be _____ before him.

Scene #3: The New Testament

6. The parable of the rich man reminds us that God created us for _____ not for _____.
7. The apostle Peter tells us that we are a _____ priesthood, called out of darkness into God’s marvelous light.
8. God has given us _____ gifts to serve one another.

Scene #4: Here and Now

9. We are to walk each day in _____.



Reflection Questions

- It’s one thing to get a more biblical perspective of work at church on a Sunday. But how will today’s message change your approach to Monday (and the work, school, vocation God is calling you to)? Be specific.
- If your work is ultimately to be done in reliance on Jesus in love for God and others, who are the people that will be most affected—most “loved”—by the work that you do? What might need to change for you to regain this focus?

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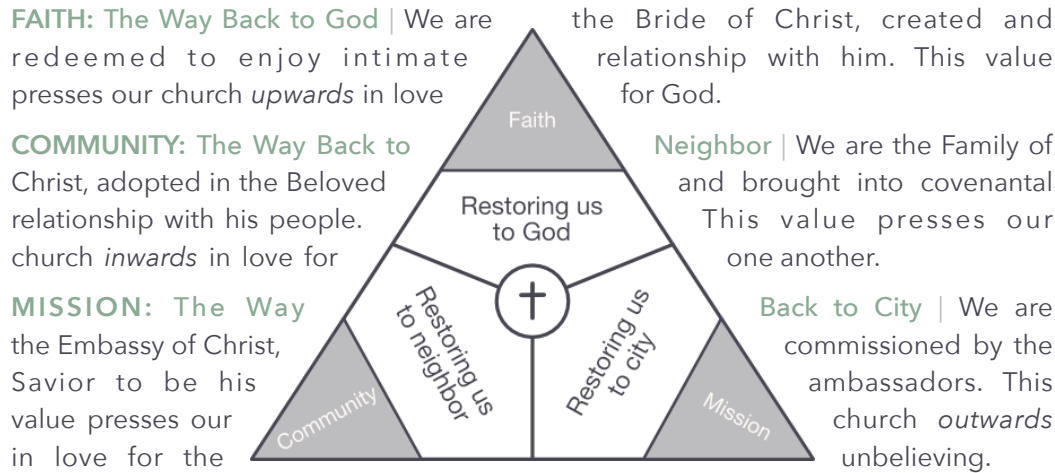


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Good news: we're planning to do it again! Group campsites were harder to come by this year due to forest upkeep projects, but we were able to snag one for the weekend of August 2-4. Mark your calendars now and plan to join us. You won't want to miss it! More info to come as we get closer to the date.

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