

## My Work: My Worship - Part 3

Genesis 1.26-28

Work- Bringing order to chaos by creating and cultivating in God's good world.

### Set Up [Genesis 1]

Preparation - God brings order to chaos

- Day 1 - Light
- Day 2 - Sky & Water
- Day 3 - Land & Plants

Population - God brings life into the ordered chaos

- Day 4 - Light bearers
- Day 5 - Fish & Birds
- Day 6 - Animals & Humans

God gives man DOMINION over all things

- Dominion/WORK is how **WE** play a part in God bringing *ORDER TO CHAOS*

God rested on Day 7

- We work hard because Christ is worthy. We can rest because Christ is sovereign.

### Work/Dominion Requires Strength [Fill the Earth and subdue it]

Mental Strength

- Romans 12.2 - Renew your mind. Don't be conformed, but transformed
- Our work can be easily hijacked by the enemy by making us PROFESSIONALS, but we are called to be so much more.

Spiritual Strength

- *Personal Relationship w/ God* [Cultural mandate is a Word from a personal God]
- Right Relationship to God [The downfall happened when sin entered into the world]
- Appropriate Relationship to Creation [Dominion requires oversight & care]

### Work/Dominion Requires Strategy [Over All Things]

Bringing and Sustaining Order

- Genesis 1 [Preparation then Population]
- HOW has God made you. Allow Him to use your gifts for His Kingdom work.

Your God-Given Purpose

- *You have been created for more than (your job). God has gifted you and has sent you.*
- Matthew 5 - Salt & Light. Fulfilling your purpose.

Motivation and Drive

- You have a God-given mandate to be a part of God bringing order to chaos
- When you don't... chaos expands and destruction ensues [Genesis 3]
- Your Drive - God has sent you in to a chaotic world to show & share the Gospel.

### Application:

- Do you need to reevaluate **how** you are looking at your "work"?
- Do you need to reevaluate **where** you are looking to work?

What if... you didn't approach your Job to ADVANCE YOUR CARRER but to **advance the Kingdom!!!**

## Small Group Discussion Questions

1. Share a time when you or your family were in the middle of a chaotic situation. How did you respond? How should have you responded? Do you find yourself in chaotic situations often or not often?
2. One of the important aspects about work that was talked about is rest. How do you balance work and rest? How do you rest daily, weekly, and yearly?
3. Read Romans 12.1-2. When thinking about mental strength, how do you guard your mind against being conformed to the world? What are some common factors in you not being successful in this area?
4. Do you feel like you are a long term goal person or a short term goal person? Why? How are they both valuable? What are some of the big picture things that you (your family) want to accomplish for the Kingdom?
5. Read Matthew 5.13-16. How have you seen someone use their God-given purpose to advance the Kingdom? What is one thing you can do this week to be salt and light?
6. The sermon ended with a challenge to look at your job in light of advancing the kingdom. What does that look like for you? How can you begin to embody this principle?