Good Work Work as Worship

- A. Intro: Do you like to work?
- B. Big Idea: Our work is worship unto God.
 - a. Romans 12:1 NIV Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship.
- C. What do we know about work?
 - a. God has Wired you to Work
 - i. Genesis 1:1-5 NLT In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. ² The earth was formless and empty, and darkness covered the deep waters. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the surface of the waters. ³ Then God said, "Let there be light," and there was light. ⁴ And God saw that the light was good. Then he separated the light from the darkness. ⁵ God called the light "day" and the darkness "night." And evening passed and morning came, marking the first day.
 - 1. Day 1: Light
 - 2. Day 2: Atmosphere
 - 3. Day 3: Dry ground and plants
 - 4. Day 4: Sun, moon, and stars
 - 5. Day 5: Birds and sea creatures
 - 6. Day 6: Land animals and humans
 - 7. Day 7: Rest
 - ii. Genesis 1:26-28 NIV ²⁶ Then God said, "Let us make mankind in our image, in our likeness, so that they may rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky, over the livestock and all the wild animals, and over all the creatures that move along the ground." ²⁷ So God created mankind in his own image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them. ²⁸ God blessed them and said to them, "Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it. Rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky and over every living creature that moves on the ground."
 - b. God is Working in Us and with Us
 - i. Philippians $2:13 \text{ NLT} {}^{13}\text{ For God is working in you, giving you the desire and the power to do what pleases him.}$
 - ii. 1 Corinthians $3:9 \text{ NIV} {}^9 \text{ For we are co-workers in God's service;}$ you are God's field, God's building.
 - iii. Matthew 5:14-16 NLT ¹⁴ "You are the light of the world—like a city on a hilltop that cannot be hidden. ¹⁵ No one lights a lamp and

then puts it under a basket. Instead, a lamp is placed on a stand, where it gives light to everyone in the house. ¹⁶ In the same way, let your good deeds shine out for all to see, so that everyone will praise your heavenly Father.

iv. Genesis 2:15 NIV – ¹⁵ The Lord God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and take care of it.

c. God is our Boss

- i. Colossians 3:23-24 NIV 23 Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters, 24 since you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward.
- ii. Colossian $3:17 \text{ NLT} {}^{17} \text{ And whatever you do or say, do it as a representative of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks through him to God the Father.}$

D. Close: Are you working with the right attitude and mindset?

a. Next Steps

- i. Memorize: Colossians 3:23-24 NIV 23 Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters, 24 since you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward.
- ii. Think: Am I working as unto God and doing my best?
- iii. Action: Step into your work or school knowing that God is with you and has you there on purpose.