

EP3 CREATIVE SERVICE

THE SET-UP

Think of something you enjoy or serves your needs on a daily basis in your home. Have you ever wondered about the relationships involved in making that item available? The simple act of drinking coffee was made possible by coffee bean growers, roasters, packaging designers and manufacturers, distributors, coffee grinders, and retailers. And by purchasing coffee, you also contributed to this wide network of exchange. But what makes the coffee valuable and who profits when you purchase it?

all is gift

MODULE 3: THE CRAFTSMAN

SO, WHAT NOW?

Every exchange of goods you encounter involves the talents and creativity of many, many, many people.

Value is created in the exchange as each person profits from the gifts of others. These relationships grow and produce increase, which provides for others' needs and desires. But wisdom and virtue must be brought into each exchange for true flourishing. God calls us to be gift-givers like him, offering our work as a blessing to others. So what is our work, then? Do we labor only for ourselves or do we contribute to a vast and mysterious network of creative collaboration?

QUESTIONS:

- 1 *How does your daily work relate to the work of others?*
- 2 *How does your work help others flourish?*
- 3 *Is all work creative? Is everyone creative? Does each person have gifts to offer?*