



HEAVEN ON EARTH

A SERIES ON THE KINGDOM OF GOD

Group Discussion:

Conversation Starter: What's a job or chore you had growing up, and what did you actually think about it at the time?

Discussion Questions

1. The sermon opens by observing that every culture has both beauty and blind spots, and then introduces heaven and hell not just as destinations but as frameworks of authority and allegiance. What stood out to you about that framing, and how does it change the way you think about everyday life outside of church?
2. The sermon identifies three failure modes at work: careless work, compromised work, and consuming work. Which of those three do you think is most common in your own context, and what makes it so easy to drift into?
3. Genesis 2:15 is used to show that work was God's idea before sin entered the picture, and Ephesians 2:10 connects salvation to being 'created for good works.' How does it shift your perspective to think of your work as something God designed and prepared for you, rather than something you simply chose or fell into?
4. The sermon reframes work as vocation, a calling, and says, 'your job may be ordinary to you, but the people benefiting from your work may experience it as extraordinary.' Who actually benefits from the work you do, and what would it look like to serve them more faithfully this week?
5. The sermon closes with four challenges: see your work differently, do it differently, treat people differently, and define success differently. Which of those four feels most countercultural in your specific workplace, and what would have to change for you to live it out?

Key Passages

Psalms 115:3, Matthew 6:10, Genesis 2:15, Ephesians 2:8-10, Colossians 3:23-24

Leader Notes

The heart of this sermon is integrating faith and work, pushing back against the idea that Sunday and Monday are separate categories. Draw the group toward concrete, specific application: encourage people to name their actual jobs and the real people their work serves, rather than staying abstract. Watch for two opposite ditches the conversation might fall into: people who feel guilty that work has consumed them, and people who have checked out and given their work the bare minimum. The sermon speaks directly to both, so create space for honest self-assessment without shame. If time allows, linger on the "define success differently" question, since reordering the metrics of faithfulness, integrity, and service over advancement and compensation tends to surface the deepest and most personal tensions for group members.