

## Message Summary

Work is not a burden to survive but a gift with purpose. God designed our work to be a platform for influence, not just a paycheck. When we pursue excellence, character, and faithfulness, we earn the opportunity to represent Jesus where we work. God uses everyday work to shape us and reach others through us.

## Key Scriptures

### **Genesis 2:15 (NLT)**

“The Lord God placed the man in the Garden of Eden to tend and watch over it.”

### **Proverbs 22:29 (NLT)**

“Do you see any truly competent workers? They will serve kings rather than working for ordinary people.”

### **Colossians 3:23 (NLT)**

“Work willingly at whatever you do, as though you were working for the Lord rather than for people.”

## Start Talking

*Find a conversation starter for your group.*

- What was your first job or, your favorite job before you started your career?
- Watch this week’s Sermon Refresh: [Here](#) (Available Monday’s)

## Start Thinking

*Ask a question to get your group thinking.*

- Please read the Key Scriptures on the left.
- What do these passages teach us about how God views our work—and what it looks like to work with purpose?

## Start Sharing

*Choose a question(s) to create openness.*

- In the message, Mark asked: “Is your job a pain or a platform?” How are you viewing your work right now, as a pain or a platform?
- Discuss this formula shared in the message: Influence = Excellence + Character + Loyalty. Which of those is strongest for you—and which needs growth?
- What would it practically look like for you to “work for your King” instead of just your boss?
- Where could God use you to encourage, serve, or influence others this week?

## Start Praying

*Jesus, help us see our work the way You do. Give us the strength to work with excellence, the character to reflect You, and the faith to see our workplace as a mission field. Use our lives to make You known in the places we show up every day. Amen.*

## Start Doing

This week, choose one way to see your work as a platform for purpose.

- Start your day by committing your work to God in prayer.
- Look for one opportunity to encourage or serve someone at work.
- Do one task with extra excellence as an act of worship.