



God's Purpose for Work

Reconciling faith and work

'The God who created the universe and who created work, is himself interested in the work that we do.'

God works

God calls us into the workplace, for him it's a reflection of his action in creation (Genesis 1).

God describes himself as:

- a gardener (John 15:1)
- an artist (Genesis 1:1)
- a potter (Isaiah 64:8)
- a shepherd (John 10:11)
- a king (Psalm 145:1)
- a home-maker (Hebrews 3:1-6)
- a builder (Psalm 127:1)

We are made in the image of a God who works.

Work as worship

The Hebrew word avodah (עֲבוּדָה) can be translated 'work' or 'worship'.

'My work station is my worship station.'

Colossians 3:23, we work within relationship and this is our model for work.

John 5:17, 'My Father is always at his work to this very day, and I too am working.'



Your attitude matters

'Trust in Jesus Christ changes everything.'

This influences your attitude at work, the way you approach the work, treat people and the way you deal with tough times.

'We're strengthened in the world for the world.' Reflect the presence of God at work.

Work matters to God

'So the God who created and sustains the world, is also the God of the workplace.'

'If God is not relevant at work, He's not relevant at all.'

Conversation Questions

Do you agree that our work matters to God?

How does what we believe about God's attitude to our work impact our attitude to our work?

What does it look like to worship God through our work?

If we believe relationships are at the heart of work, how should that change our way of working?

Think of a specific issue at work and think about what God might be saying to you about his purpose for you right now.