

Connect Group notes - Week 3 - Wise up to work



Cluster time

What was the first job you ever had?

Pray for everyone then say goodbye as they head into their group....

Start thinking

- What do you think of when you hear the word “work” and what comes to mind when you hear the word “lazy”?
- Read Proverbs 10 v 4: What does the word wealth mean here? How should Christians approach work differently from the world around them?

Start sharing

- Give people an opportunity to say what their workplace looks and feels like at the moment...(Remember work is not just about employment). Where are people finding joy and frustration.
- Has there been a time where we have struggled with keeping work in its proper place? Where might we be being tired for the wrong reasons? How can we protect our downtime?
- When and where have we been tempted to leave God out of the workplace? What kinds of situations do we forget to invite him into?
- Following Jesus brings purpose to every job. Who we work for is far more important than what we do. When and why do we struggle to believe this statement? How should knowing that we are working for God change how we view our work?

Start praying

- Spend some time praying for each other, is anyone feeling “the heat” in their workplace at the moment?
- Has anyone realized that they have left God out of their working day somewhere?

Start doing

- What’s 1 thing you **will do** to ensure you are wising up to work? Is there one thing we can change about how we work?

Going deeper....if your group wants to dig a little deeper....

We can get the words job, career and calling confused. This is what can make us miserable. As a Christian, we can think that a job is bad, a career is better and calling is best. Have you ever felt that there has been a conscious/unconscious bias in Christian circles that vocational ministry is seen as having a higher value and/or worth than secular work? How has that made you feel? In contrast, how might you see your work as a form of ministry? (Our ultimate calling is to glorify God). Read Colossians 3:23 whilst you work through this question.