

# DISCUSSION GUIDE

OCTOBER 12/13 | WHAT MATTERS?

WHEN WORK DOESN'T WORK

## FOR STARTERS

1. Looking back at your notes from this week's teaching, was there anything that particularly caught your attention, challenged you or raised questions?
2. Choose one.
  - a) Describe your current feelings about your work in one word.
  - b) Share a commandment you would make everyone you work with obey if you were God. "Thou shalt..." (fill in the blank)  
*\*Hint, have fun and be creative with these, especially if you're retired or a stay-at-home parent.*

## DIGGING IN

1. Read Genesis 3:16. Discuss how the curse affects the work we do in our home and families. How do you see the effects of this in your own home or family?
2. Read Genesis 3:17-19. Discuss how the curse affects the work we do outside the home. What are some external forces that make your work painful? What are some forces at work in you and others that make work painful?
3. Read Ecclesiastes 2:24 and 2 Thessalonians 3:10-12. What do these tell us about finding contentment in your work?
4. Read Matthew 11:28-30. What does Jesus want us to learn from Him? (vs. 29) How is Jesus' burden easy or light? Discuss how this truth can profoundly alter your view of your work.

## BRINGING IT HOME

1. Some of us are unmotivated and need to develop a biblical vision for our work. Some of us are workaholics and need to fight the idols that drive us to exhaustion. Where are you on this spectrum? Listen generously as each person shares.
2. How is God calling you to respond to His Word when it comes to your work? How can the group encourage you as you take the next step?
3. Close by reading Matthew 11:28-30. Take a moment so each person can respond by giving thanks to Jesus for how He sustains and redeems us in our work.

# MESSAGE NOTES

MESSAGE SERIES:

TITLE:

SCRIPTURE: