

Bible Studies on a Christian Attitude to Work

Study 1: Created to Work

1. READ Genesis 1:26-31
 - a. What do you think it means to be created in the image of God?
 - b. What is the work God has given us to do in this world?
 - c. What does God provide us with to sustain us?
2. READ Genesis 2:1-16
 - a. What is the work that God rested from (v. 2)?
 - b. What work is Adam given to do in the Garden? Is this any different to the responsibilities given in chapter 1?
 - c. What does God give Adam to sustain him?
3. Tying the above together ...
 - a. If God is at work when he is creating, what does that tell us about what it means to be made in the image of God?
 - b. In Genesis, the work of mankind is to look after the place we live in. Why should we do this, and how do we benefit from this?
 - c. What light does this shed on our understanding of the work we do (and how would you define work)?
4. How do the following verses shape our attitude to work?
 - a. Proverbs 14:23
 - b. Proverbs 23:4
 - c. Ecclesiastes 2:24
 - d. Ecclesiastes 3:13
 - e. Ecclesiastes 5:18-19
 - f. Colossians 3:23
5. What should we do with the fruits of our labour?
 - a. Leviticus 27:30
 - b. Deuteronomy 15:7-11
 - c. Psalm 128:2
 - d. Proverbs 3:9-10
 - e. Acts 20:35
 - f. Ephesians 4:28
 - g. 2 Thessalonians 3:11-13
 - h. 1 Timothy 6:17-18
6. What would you say to someone who describes work as “a necessary evil”?
7. How does our work serve God?
8. How should we (and others) benefit from our work?