

## Bible Studies on a Christian Attitude to Work

### Study 2: When work becomes a curse

1. What is the most enjoyable job you've ever had? And what is the worst? What contributes to either enjoying or being frustrated with work?
2. READ Genesis 3:1-19
  - a. Having children had always been a part of God's plan for the human race (see Genesis 1:28). What about this changes, as a result of sin breaking into the world?
  - b. Likewise, as we saw last week, work was always part of what we were created to do (see Genesis 1:28; 2:15). What changes about work as a result of sin?
    - i. How does the rest of the Bible reflect this? [see Ecclesiastes 2:1-23; Job 7:1; Psalm 107:12; Psalm 90:10]
    - ii. How does this fit with your experience of work?
3. How might we respond to the frustrations of work? What options can you suggest?
  - a. One option we might take is to avoid work. What does the Bible say about this? [see Proverbs 6:10-12; 12:11; 14:23; 24:30-34; Acts 20:35; Ephesians 4:28; 1 Thessalonians 4:11-12; 2 Thessalonians 3:10-12; 1 Timothy 5:8; 2 Timothy 4:6]
  - b. Another option is not to avoid work, but to develop a healthier attitude towards it. What does the Bible say? [see Ecclesiastes 2:24-24; 3:9-13; Proverbs 21:5; 23:4; Matthew 6:25-34; Philippians 4:10-13]
4. What can you take from this into your working week this week?