

WORK FOR GOD'S GLORY

Isaiah 60

Revelation 21

Jeremiah 29

Awareness

Before listening, reflect:

- What places or activities do you instinctively associate with glorifying God?
- How do you define “the work of the Lord”?

We all desire meaning and value in our lives; most of us don't want to waste our limited time or energy on things or activities that lack meaning or value. It's natural then to find ourselves questioning the point of our efforts when we don't feel noticed or appreciated. Thinking about our work in terms of its kingdom value can give us hope as we wait for change. It can also provide us a fresh perspective on our work's transcendent value, even when we need to endure our earthly circumstances.

Reflection

After listening, consider:

- How can your work be an act of worship? How can you glorify God through your specific work?
- What new perspective might Jeremiah 29:4-7 give you in a difficult, challenging or tedious working situation?
- How often do you consider the lasting impact of the daily work you do? Why is it challenging to focus on God's glory and how God will redeem and renew our work in the new creation during our daily work?
- Does your definition of “the work of the Lord” change at all after listening to segment 3? Why or why not?

Related Passages

- **1 Corinthians 15:50-58**
- **Matthew 5:13-16**
- **Colossians 3:22-25**

Conclusion

While reflecting on God's inclusion of our work in the new creation, consider those you know who are dissatisfied with their work. What ideas from today's conversation could you use to encourage them? In what

ways should we be cautious so that our focus on God's perspective and kingdom value don't potentially cause us to become dismissive or ignore problems that really should be addressed? Pray for opportunities to listen and wisdom before speaking. Also, consider praying before you begin working (like you might pray before a meal); pray about your concerns and struggles, but also pray that your words and deeds at work would glorify God.

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