



COMMUNITY GUIDE

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WEEKLY APPLICATION

TAKEAWAY: Who you are AND what you do matters.

HEAD CHANGE: You are commanded by God to make culture.

HEART CHANGE: You were made to do good – to mirror and mimic what God is like to the world.

LIFE CHANGE: Creation was a project, not a product and I get to participate in it.

OVERVIEW

What's the first question we usually ask somebody when we meet them? "So, what do you do?" Which is essentially the same question as, "What are you giving your life to?" and "Do you like it?" The vast majority of our lives is spent working. The next largest slice of the pie is spent resting – the stuff we look forward to and savor. In church, we often spend most of our time teaching people how to live the minority of their lives, but we need to talk about ALL of life. What it means to be a follower of Jesus at church AND at school, at the gym, at our coffee shop, on a date night, and of course at work. To understand this better, we have to go to the beginning.

"Then God said, 'Let us make mankind in our image, in our likeness, so that they may rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky, over the livestock and all the wild animals, and over all the creatures that move along the ground. So God created mankind in his own image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them.'"

-Genesis 1:26-27-

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What does it mean to be created in God's image?
2. Have you ever thought of yourself as a co-worker with God in His creation process? Why or why not? How has that thought process changed after listening to this message?
3. What are some ways that you can participate in creating culture that honors God where you work?

CLOSE IN PRAYER

Heavenly Father, you have filled the world with beauty! Open our eyes to see your hand in all your works; that, rejoicing in your whole creation, we may learn to serve you with gladness; for the sake of him through whom all things were made, your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. So, draw our hearts to you, guide our minds, fill our imaginations, bend our wills, that we may be yours, fully dedicated to you; and then use us for your glory and the welfare of your people. In Jesus' name. Amen.

IN THIS TOGETHER!