

Questions for further discussion and study

1.) What is your attitude towards work in general? Write out as many things as you can think of that reflect your attitudes about work by completing this sentence: *Work is....*

2.) What does the fact that God is a working God (Gen. 2:2-3; Ex. 34:10, etc) and that He commanded Adam who was, at that time, sinless to work say to you about the nature of work itself?

3.) Exodus 35-39 talk about lots of different kinds of work that God commanded to be done in the building of the Tabernacle. How many different types of work/jobs were needed? What does that have to teach us about the "sacred-secular divide" that has developed in our thinking about work and ministry? Where do you see that divide impacting your thinking or life?

4.) There are some jobs/work in which God says we should never be employed (see Deut. 27:15; Rev. 9:20). Besides these 2 mentioned in the Bible, are there others today you would say are outside God's will for anyone? In addition, every job can ask you to compromise your conscience or convictions. What issues of personal integrity and character would you not compromise no matter what the potential financial implications?

5.) What are the biggest spiritual challenges you face in your work today? What can the people of God do to support you in the midst of those challenges?

6.) In what ways can work be spiritually transformational? What impact can lack of or failure to work have on us spiritually?