

# WORKPLACE MINISTRY:

## *The Work of the Lord at work*

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# GROUP DISCUSSION

What does it look like for you to be a Christian at work?

Therefore, my beloved brothers, be steadfast,  
immovable, **always abounding in the work of  
the Lord**, knowing that in the Lord your labor is  
not in vain.

**I Corinthians 15:58**

# THE WORK OF THE LORD

General Christian living?

Acts of "Christian service"?

# **WHAT is the work of the Lord?**

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**5** What then is Apollos? What is Paul? Servants through whom you believed, as the Lord assigned to each. **6 I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth. 7** So neither he who plants nor he who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth. **8** He who plants and he who waters are one, and each will receive his wages according to his labor. **9** For we are God's fellow workers. You are God's field, God's building. **10** According to the grace of God given to me, like a skilled master builder **I laid a foundation, and someone else is building upon it.**

### **I Corinthians 3**

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## IMPLICATIONS

- **Our 1<sup>st</sup> job:** Work of the Lord: Evangelism and Equipping of the Saints
- **Our 2<sup>nd</sup> job:** *(For the majority of Christians)* The Job that pays us
- **Every Christian**

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### **This doesn't mean...**

- Our Christian conduct can be compromised at the workplace (Colossians 3:22)
- Only Proclamation is effective Gospel Work

### **This does mean...**

- Your job as lawyer, teacher, stay-at-home mom, doctor, etc. is not the work of the Lord
- It becomes the work of the Lord as you evangelize and edify Christ

Whatever their employment, Christians can and must glorify the Lord through their work. The way that they do their work means that their work has meaning and significance and is valuable. We must not lose this Reformation and biblical emphasis. Nevertheless, it is also true that the work of evangelism and edification, is the work that the Lord is doing in the world through his people. We must not lose this priority. It is this work that Paul gave his life to. It is this work that Paul's colleagues risked their lives for. The resurrection means that it is this work that every Christian can and must give themselves to.

– PETER ORR



# GROUP DISCUSSION

What are your thoughts, feedback,  
questions on the work of the Lord?

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- **We will rise**

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## **IMPLICATIONS**

- **A spare body**
- **For hard labor**
- **But not in vain**

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How can the certainty of the resurrection make a difference in how we advance the gospel at work?



