

Work and the Bible

Conversation Guide

About This Guide

Kingswood University is pleased to partner with your Marketplace Multipliers chapter to equip ministers for the marketplace. We have prepared this Conversation Guide to help you make the most of your three sessions discussing work in the Bible.

Before your first conversation in a chapter meeting, the facilitator will distribute this guide. Notice that each session has two lists: a list of questions and a list of resources. The questions listed will guide the week's conversation. The resources are listed for those who wish to spend more time preparing for the conversation.

Recommended Resources

• <u>Theology of Work (resources)</u>

Meeting One: Biblical View of Work

Scheduled for ____

In this session we will be considering the question: "How does the Bible talk about work?"

Key Questions:

- Is work a four-letter word? Is that how the Bible presents it?
- What stood out to you as you read the Genesis passages with the idea of work in mind?
- In what key ways does a Christian distinguish her/himself in the marketplace?
- What does Jesus intend to do with our work? Through our work?
- How does a Biblical concept of work begin to transform what you do 9-5? In the evening? On the weekend?

Key Resources:

- "<u>10 Key Points About Work in the Bible Every Christian Should Know</u>"
- Read the Scripture References listed under point 1 in the article <u>10 Key Points</u> <u>About Work in the Bible Every Christian Should Know</u>
- Read Genesis 1 and Genesis 2

Meeting Two: Created to Create

Scheduled for _

In this session we will be considering the question: "What does it mean for the Christian worker to be made in the image of God?"

Key Questions:

- How does your work participate with God's work of creation or recreation?
- Does your work require creativity? If not, in what other ways does your work
- Is your industry aligned with Kingdom values or does it stand in the way? If it stands in the way, what role can a Christian play in that industry?
- What part of your 9-5 work needs the most attention to align with the Imago Dei?

Key Resources:

- Created to Create: Work as Worship
- What the Image of God Means for Our Dignity and Work
- Read the Scripture references under point 2 in the article <u>10 Key Points About</u> <u>Work in the Bible Every Christian Should Know</u>

Meeting Three: Missional Work

Scheduled for ____

In this session we will be considering the question: "How should our identity as a Christian worker affect our workplace?

Key Questions:

- What is your work environment's openness to the gospel being shared? Is there a policy against it? Is it taboo?
- What challenges have you faced sharing your faith in the workplace?
- Stewarding power and possessions is a main point of Acts 2 according to the "10 Key Points.." link above. In what ways are you a steward of power? In what ways are you a steward of possessions?

Key Resources:

- How Can You Introduce Others to Christ.
- Read the Scripture references under point 9 in the article <u>10 Key Points About</u> <u>Work in the Bible Every Christian Should Know</u>

Looking for more? Our Certificate course **Work & the Bible** also covers these additional topics:

- Spiritual gifts & the worker
- Salvation & the worker
- The Bible & Money
- Workplace Challenges