



And to the man [God] said, “Because you have listened to the voice of your wife, and have eaten of the tree about which I commanded you, ‘You shall not eat of it,’ cursed is the ground because of you; in toil you shall eat of it all the days of your life; thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you; and you shall eat the plants of the field. By the sweat of your face you shall eat bread until you return to the ground, for out of it you were taken; you are dust, and to dust you shall return.”

Genesis 3:17-19  
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## “God at Work”

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*We have the power to live out our faith, not just in worship once a week, but also in our ordinary daily moments.*

**Problem:** We want to keep \_\_\_\_\_ at church and \_\_\_\_\_ at work.

*Work may follow us home, but we rarely let God follow us to work.*

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-If we let God interfere with our work, we’d rather it be the \_\_\_\_\_ parts.

“God himself will milk the cows through him whose vocation it is.”

-Martin Luther

### **God at Work**

- \_\_\_\_\_ was introduced as a response to the first sin and its punishment.

- \_\_\_\_\_ explains why things are the way they are.

“By the \_\_\_\_\_ of your face you shall eat bread...”

Genesis 3:19

-Although originally a punishment, work was meant to be a source of \_\_\_\_\_.

“and my chosen shall long \_\_\_\_\_ the work of their hands.”

Isaiah 65:22

-Jesus encouraged people stay within their realms of \_\_\_\_\_.

“As he was getting into the boat, the man who had been possessed by demons begged him that he might be with him. But Jesus \_\_\_\_\_.”

Mark 5:18-19

-It \_\_\_\_\_! (Mark 6:53-54)

### **God at My Work**

“Our task is not to somehow inject God into our work but to join God in the work he is already doing in and through our vocational lives.”

-Tish Harrison Warren, *Liturgy of the Ordinary*

-Inviting God into our \_\_\_\_\_ is the first step of living a truly sanctified life.

“Discipleship is what Jesus would do if he were you.”

-Alan Hirsch

-Would our \_\_\_\_\_ look differently if we believed Jesus were writing them?

### **The Goal**

“The time of business does not with me differ from the time of prayer, and in the noise and clatter of my kitchen...”

-Brother Lawrence

### **Action Steps**

- \_\_\_\_\_ God for the most mundane part of your work.

- \_\_\_\_\_ God through it.