



GOOD WORK

DOING ALL THINGS FOR THE **GLORY OF GOD**

GROUP WORKBOOK

KING'S CHURCH LONDON

A NINE-WEEK SERIES FOR GROUPS



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A nine-week series at King’s Church London.

This book belongs to

My group meets

Welcome to Good Work

Over the next nine weeks we are looking at work: why God made it, what it is for, and how we do it in a way that honours him and helps other people flourish.

The Bible begins with a working week. God creates, organises, designs, builds, instructs and delegates. Then he makes people in his own image, gives them responsibility for his world, and rests.

So work matters. For most of us it is one of the main ways we serve God and our neighbours. It is also one of the places we feel pressure, disappointment and doubt most keenly. Both of those are worth talking about.

This workbook is yours. It holds the Bible references, the questions your group will discuss and space to write down what you notice. Nothing in it has to be filled in, and nothing in it will be collected.

What do we mean by work?

Throughout the series, work means far more than paid employment. It includes:

- paid work, self-employment and running a business;
- parenting, caring and homemaking;
- studying, training and job-seeking;
- volunteering and serving the church or community;
- creative, practical and administrative work;
- the contribution and responsibilities of retirement;
- seasons when illness or disability make work harder than we would like.

Not everyone has a conventional job, enjoys their work or has much choice about it. Keeping the language broad makes it easier to speak honestly.

THE WORK OF MY WEEK

Work I am paid for

Work I do at home

Work I do for other people

Work that is hidden or overlooked

We come back to this list at the end of the series.

How to use this workbook

Each week has four pages. Most weeks follow the pattern below. In Week 7, some sites have baptisms and sermons differ between sites; groups make time for stories and celebration. Week 9 ends with a review of the series.

- This week – the big idea, the Bible references, and an opening question.
- Read the Passage – space to jot down what you see as it is read.
- Talk it through – the questions your group will discuss, numbered to match your leader’s guide. Most teaching weeks have four questions; Week 9 has three.
- Try one thing – the same three practices your leader will read out, one to choose, and room to record what happened during the week. In Week 9, use this space to look back over the series.

The headings follow the sections in your leader’s guide, so you can tell where the evening has got to. Bring a Bible or Bible app to read the passages together.

You do not have to write anything. Some people fill every line, some use the book to follow where the group has got to, and both are fine. Share only what you are comfortable sharing.

If you miss a week, ask your group leader for this week’s summary and find the teaching-week video on the series page. Week 7 has a podcast to watch or listen to in your own time.

The Nine Weeks



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There is a short group video for each teaching week. In Week 7, some sites have baptisms and sermons differ between sites. There is no group video that week; instead, there is a longer podcast with Andrew Wilson on AI and the workplace, to watch or listen to in your own time.

*To enjoy your work and accept your lot in
life – this is indeed a gift from God.*

ECCLESIASTES 5:19

WEEK 1

Work and Rest

God's Design for Humanity



THIS WEEK

Work and rest are both part of God's good design. We are made to cultivate and care for his world, and we are creatures who need to receive rest from him.

Bible passage – *Genesis 1:26–2:3; Genesis 2:15*

TO START

One kind of work I do at the moment, and one word for how I feel about it:

Read the Passage

Bible passage – *Genesis 1:26–2:3; Genesis 2:15*

As we read the passage together, note anything that stands out.

What stood out – *A word, phrase or image*

What I notice about God

This week in particular – *What do I notice here about the place of work and rest in God's good world?*

From Sunday or the video – *Something I want to remember*

Talk it through

Use this space to make notes, and share only what you feel comfortable sharing.

1 What different kinds of work are represented in this room?

2 Which kinds of work does our culture value most? Which kinds get overlooked?

3 God brings order, beauty, life and provision. Where do you see something of that in the work you do?

4 What makes it difficult for you to rest well?

Try one thing

To think about – *One kind of work I tend to undervalue, and one place I need God's help*

PICK ONE TO TRY

- ☐ Begin one working day by thanking God for the work in front of you.
- ☐ Thank someone whose work is usually overlooked.
- ☐ Set aside a proper period of rest and enjoy it without trying to make it productive.

The one I am going to try

DURING THE WEEK

What did I try? What did I notice?

Father, thank you that you are a God who works, and that you made me in your image. Teach me to work faithfully and to receive rest as your gift. Amen.

WEEK 2

Work and Toil

Labour in a Fallen World



THIS WEEK

Work is still a good gift, but sin has brought frustration, conflict and pain into it. Jesus is restoring what is broken and frees us from both idleness and making work our identity.

Bible passage – *Genesis 3:1–19*

TO START

Where have I seen God at work in my work, home or responsibilities this week?

Read the Passage

Bible passage – *Genesis 3:1–19*

As we read the passage together, note anything that stands out.

What stood out – *A word, phrase or image*

What I notice about God

This week in particular – *What changes for people, for relationships and for work once humanity turns away from God?*

From Sunday or the video – *Something I want to remember*

Talk it through

Use this space to make notes, and share only what you feel comfortable sharing.

1 What makes work difficult for you in this season?

2 When work gets difficult, what are you tempted to do?

3 Are you more tempted to think too little of work, or to make work too important?

4 What is one faithful response you could make when the situation cannot quickly change?

Try one thing

To think about – *One thing I find hard in my work, and one small response I could make*

PICK ONE TO TRY

- ☐ Start a difficult task with a short, honest prayer.
- ☐ Ask someone you trust for help or perspective.
- ☐ End one working day by naming what is unfinished and handing it to God.

The one I am going to try

DURING THE WEEK

What did I try? What did I notice?

Father, you see the parts of my work that exhaust me. Give me wisdom, courage and patience, and remind me that my worth is not my output. Amen.

WEEK 3

Work and Profit

How and Why to Create Wealth



THIS WEEK

Honest enterprise, wise risk and useful trade can create wealth and serve society if done with a responsible attitude that is full of integrity and generosity.

Bible passage – *Ecclesiastes 11:1–6*

TO START

Where have I seen God at work in my work, home or responsibilities this week?

Read the Passage

Bible passage – *Ecclesiastes 11:1–6*

As we read the passage together, note anything that stands out.

What stood out – *A word, phrase or image*

What I notice about God

This week in particular – *What does this passage suggest about initiative, risk and leaving the outcome with God?*

From Sunday or the video – *Something I want to remember*

Talk it through

Use this space to make notes, and share only what you feel comfortable sharing.

- 1 Where have you seen a business, investment or individual create something genuinely useful?

- 2 What risk, initiative or perseverance was involved?

Who benefited from it?

- 3 When does the pursuit of profit begin to harm people or distort the purpose of work?

- 4 What might it look like to make, manage and use money for God's glory and the good of others?

Try one thing

To think about – *Think of a financial decision you need to make. Who will benefit, who will bear the cost, and what would be a wise next step?*

PICK ONE TO TRY

- ☐ Look again at one purchase, price or business decision and ask who benefits.
- ☐ Take one realistic step towards greater generosity.
- ☐ If you influence pay or working conditions, review one decision for fairness.

The one I am going to try

DURING THE WEEK

What did I try? What did I notice?

Father, thank you for every ability and opportunity you have entrusted to me. Help me earn honestly, decide wisely and give freely. Amen.

WEEK 4

Work and Service

What Jobs Should We Do and Why?



THIS WEEK

Noah's ark and the Tower of Babel are two building projects arising from very different motives. Work can be an act of faith that protects and serves people, or a way of making a name for ourselves.

Bible passage – *Genesis 6:9–22; Genesis 10:32–11:9*

TO START

Where have I seen God at work in my work, home or responsibilities this week?

Read the Passage

Bible passage – *Genesis 6:9–22; Genesis 10:32–11:9*

As we read the passage together, note anything that stands out.

What stood out – *A word, phrase or image*

What I notice about God

This week in particular – *What motivates Noah, and what motivates the builders of Babel?*

From Sunday or the video – *Something I want to remember*

Talk it through

Use this space to make notes, and share only what you feel comfortable sharing.

1 Who benefits from the work you do, directly or indirectly?

2 Where do you see Noah-like and Babel-like motives in the way people work today?

3 When are you most tempted to use work to make a name for yourself?

4 What should a Christian consider when choosing, staying in or leaving a particular kind of work?

Try one thing

To think about – *One regular task, who receives it, and how I could serve them more thoughtfully*

PICK ONE TO TRY

- ☐ Begin one task by naming the person it will serve, and pray for them.
- ☐ Thank someone whose work makes yours possible.
- ☐ Ask, “What would actually be most helpful?” before assuming you know.

The one I am going to try

DURING THE WEEK

What did I try? What did I notice?

Jesus, you did not use your power for yourself. Help me see the people my work affects, and free me from needing to be noticed for it. Amen.

WEEK 5

Work and Home

Building the Next Generation



THIS WEEK

Building people matters more than building careers. Parenting, caring, mentoring and investing in children and young people are valuable kingdom work shared by the whole church.

Bible passage – *Psalm 127*

TO START

Where have I seen God at work in my work, home or responsibilities this week?

Read the Passage

Bible passage – *Psalm 127*

As we read the passage together, note anything that stands out.

What stood out – *A word, phrase or image*

What I notice about God

This week in particular – *What does Psalm 127 say about work, dependence and rest?*

From Sunday or the video – *Something I want to remember*

Talk it through

Use this space to make notes, and share only what you feel comfortable sharing.

- 1 What visible and hidden work helps children and young people flourish?

- 2 Which parts of homemaking and caring for others does our culture often overvalue or overlook?

- 3 What tensions come up between career, providing financially and investing in people at home?

- 4 What part could you play in helping a child, young person, parent or carer flourish?

Try one thing

To think about – *One child, young person, parent or carer I already know, and something helpful and realistic I could do for them*

PICK ONE TO TRY

- ☐ Thank someone for a piece of hidden work they do regularly.
- ☐ Do one household job without waiting to be asked.
- ☐ Offer practical help to someone carrying a heavy caring load.

The one I am going to try

DURING THE WEEK

What did I try? What did I notice?

Father, thank you for the people you have given me to care for, and for the hidden work others do for me. Give me patience and gratitude. Amen.

WEEK 6

Work and the Future

What Will We Do in the New Creation?



THIS WEEK

God's promised future includes joyful, meaningful work without frustration or futility. Work is not abolished in the new creation; it is restored to what it was always meant to be.

Bible passage – *Isaiah 65:17–25*

TO START

Where have I seen God at work in my work, home or responsibilities this week?

Read the Passage

Bible passage – *Isaiah 65:17–25*

As we read the passage together, note anything that stands out.

What stood out – *A word, phrase or image*

What I notice about God

This week in particular – *What kinds of work and ordinary life appear in this vision, and what has been taken away?*

From Sunday or the video – *Something I want to remember*

Talk it through

Use this space to make notes, and share only what you feel comfortable sharing.

- 1** What do you find encouraging, surprising or difficult about work continuing in the new creation?

- 2** Which kinds of work exist mainly because the world is broken?

- 3** Which kinds of work express creativity, learning, beauty, cultivation or relationship?

- 4** How might your present work point towards the kind of world God promises?

Try one thing

To think about – *One small sign of renewal in my work, and one future outcome I need to place in God's hands*

PICK ONE TO TRY

- ☐ Do one ordinary task as an act of hope, knowing it will need doing again.
- ☐ Encourage someone whose work seems unnoticed or unfruitful.
- ☐ Let go of one result you cannot control and ask God for perseverance.

The one I am going to try

DURING THE WEEK

What did I try? What did I notice?

God of resurrection, thank you that nothing done in you is wasted. Give me hope where my work feels small, temporary or unfinished. Amen.

WEEK 7

Baptism Sunday

Celebrate, Remember and Encourage



THIS WEEK

Baptism Sunday is a chance to celebrate the new life Jesus gives and enjoy being together. This week has no group video and is deliberately more relaxed.

Some of our sites have baptisms this Sunday, and different sites will have different sermons. In our group, we will make time for stories, encouragement and celebrating new life in Jesus.

Optional reading – *Romans 6:3–4*

TO START

What was your first paid or unpaid job?

Look back

Six weeks in. Here is where we have been.

- 1. Work and Rest – work and rest are both part of God's good design.
- 2. Work and Toil – sin brings frustration and difficulty into work.
- 3. Work and Profit – honest enterprise can create wealth and serve the common good.
- 4. Work and Service – we can build an ark that serves others, or a tower that makes our name.
- 5. Work and Home – building the next generation is valuable work, shared by the whole church.
- 6. Work and the Future – God's new creation includes joyful work without toil.

The week that has stayed with me, and why

There is no group video this week. Instead there is a Good Work podcast with Andrew Wilson on AI and the workplace, to watch or listen to in your own time. It is on the series page with the rest of the videos.



Eat and swap stories

Over food, in twos and threes. Share only what you are comfortable sharing.

1 Which week has connected most closely with your life?

2 Has anything changed in the way you see your work?

3 Where have you noticed God at work in an ordinary part of the week?

Encourage and look ahead

ENCOURAGE ONE ANOTHER

Think of someone in the group whose work or service you have appreciated. Finish one of these and give it to them.

I appreciate the way you...

The work you do matters because...

Something I have learned from you is...

LOOK AHEAD

As we continue the series, what would you most like God to help you understand or change in your working life?

Father, thank you for the new life you give us through Jesus, and for what we have learned from one another. Lead us into the rest of this series with faith. Amen.

WEEK 8

Work and Excellence

Integrity, Diligence and Skill



THIS WEEK

Joseph shows that excellence is not decided by our position or by who notices. God calls us to work with integrity, diligence and skill in every season.

Bible passage – *Genesis 39–41, with context from Genesis 37*

TO START

Where have I seen God at work in my work, home or responsibilities this week?

Read the Passage

Bible passage – *Genesis 39–41, with context from Genesis 37*

As we read the passage together, note anything that stands out.

What stood out – *A word, phrase or image*

What I notice about God

This week in particular – *What pattern repeats across Joseph's very different circumstances?*

From Sunday or the video – *Something I want to remember*

Talk it through

Use this space to make notes, and share only what you feel comfortable sharing.

- 1** How would you recognise excellent work in the responsibilities you have now?

- 2** When might obedience to God make work harder rather than more successful?

- 3** What drives your desire to do well: service, enjoyment, fear, approval or comparison?

- 4** How do you decide what standard a particular task really needs?

Try one thing

To think about – *One current task: who it is for, what doing it well needs, and whether I am rushing or polishing it*

PICK ONE TO TRY

- ☐ Give one important task your full attention for a set period.
- ☐ Own or correct one mistake instead of hiding it.
- ☐ Finish a low-risk task at “good enough” and walk away.

The one I am going to try

DURING THE WEEK

What did I try? What did I notice?

Father, help me work with care and honesty this week. Free me from perfectionism and comparison, and show me what each task actually needs. Amen.

WEEK 9

Work and Stewardship

Maximising Our Talents



THIS WEEK

Our abilities, time, opportunities, influence and resources are entrusted to us by God. Faithful stewardship means receiving what is in our hands with gratitude and using it for his glory and the good of others.

Bible passage – *Matthew 25:14–30; Luke 19:11–27*

TO START

Where have I seen God at work in my work, home or responsibilities this week?

Read the Passage

Bible passage – *Matthew 25:14–30; Luke 19:11–27*

As we read the passage together, note anything that stands out.

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What I notice about God

This week in particular – *What is the difference between the servants' responses to what they receive?*

From Sunday or the video – *Something I want to remember*

Talk it through

Use this space to make notes, and share only what you feel comfortable sharing.

- 1 What abilities, opportunities, resources or responsibilities has God entrusted to you in this season?

- 2 What makes it difficult to use what we have been given?

- 3 What is one thing in your hands that God may be inviting you to use more faithfully?

Look back over the series

One truth – *What do I want to remember?*

One change – *What has shifted in the way I see my work?*

One next step – *What do I want to carry forward?*

One person – *Who could encourage me or ask how it is going?*

ONE MORE THING

What is one small step I could take in the next fortnight?

Father, thank you for everything you have entrusted to me. Give me courage to use it, wisdom to know my limits, and generosity towards others. Amen.



Looking back

We have spent nine weeks looking at work, rest, toil, money, service, home, hope, excellence and stewardship. Before the group finishes, it is worth asking what has actually shifted.

TURN BACK TO PAGE 4

That was the work of your week as you described it at the start of the series.

Reading it now, what would I add, remove or say differently?

Where next

Something I want to keep doing

Something I want to stop

Someone I want to talk to about my work

Something I want to keep asking God for

Your group leader can help you think any of this through, or point you to someone who can.



Useful next steps

KEEP THE CONVERSATION GOING

Find the teaching-week videos and the Week 7 podcast on the series page. You can return to them on your own or with someone you would like to talk to about faith and work.

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TALK TO SOMEONE

If something has come up during this series that you would like to talk about, whether a decision, a difficulty at work, a question about faith or wanting prayer, speak to your group leader. They can point you to the right person.

GET INVOLVED

There is a lot of work to do in the life of the church, most of it unglamorous and all of it needed. If you would like to serve, your group leader can tell you what is currently going.

THE QUESTION WE KEPT COMING BACK TO

Where have I seen God at work in my work, home or responsibilities this week?

Keep asking it. Most of the time the answer is small: someone's patience, an unexpected bit of help, a problem that started to move, a chance to say something true. None of it is too ordinary to count.



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