

### 3. The Gospel reminds us that our work is one way we LOVE ONE ANOTHER.

- Work is an expression of love because when we work we do not BURDEN one another.
- Work is an expression of love because through our work we can BLESS and BENEFIT one another.

### 4. The Gospel reminds us that our work is one way we WITNESS TO THE WORLD.

Our witness at work is not just what we SAY at work, but also . . .

- our DILIGENCE at work
- our ATTITUDE at work
- our HONESTY at work
- our INTERACTIONS with others at work
- the QUALITY of our work
- the way we SERVE OTHERS through our work
- the way we seek the COMMON GOOD of the community through our work

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*The Gospel applies to all of life. Last week we saw that the Gospel applies to our sexuality. This week we see that the Gospel also applies to our work . . .*

### 1. The Gospel reminds us of the DIGNITY of all TYPES of work.

- GOD works.
- Work is a GIFT given by God BEFORE the Fall.
- Work is now BROKEN because of the Fall.
- God models and gives His people a rhythm for WORK and REST.
- Before his work of REDEMPTION, Jesus worked as a CARPENTER.
- No work is BENEATH any of us.

### 2. The Gospel reminds us that our work is one way we SERVE THE LORD JESUS.

- Working is part of our WALKING before Him. When we do the work God has given us, we PLEASE Him.
- God works THROUGH our work to PROVIDE for our needs.
- No matter our work, Jesus is our REAL BOSS.

*Growth Groups are the glue that hold our church together. Growth Groups are groups of 6 - 12+ people that meet together during the week to process and apply the message, pray together, care for another and live life together. If you are interested in joining a Growth Group, go to [gracecentralcoast.org](http://gracecentralcoast.org).*

### **Connecting and Caring for One Another**

Here's a fun question for your group to connect over this week as you come together to be encouraged and care for one another:

How do you personally keep your spiritual fire stoked and burning bright?

### **Digging into God's Word & the Message Together**

1. In our quest to grasp the larger flow of this fun little book, take time to read together the whole of 1 Thessalonians as a group. What jumped out at you this time?
2. Sex is a big part of our lives, but so is work. Take some time to share your "work stories" with one another. What jobs have you done across your life? What was the best job and the worst job you ever had and why?
3. What are some of the contemporary cultural attitudes toward work? In other words, what does the world teach us and tell us about work?

4. Why is it that we compartmentalize and section off our lives and fail to see how the Gospel applies to certain areas of our lives?
5. Read 2 Thessalonians 3:6-12 as a complement to 1 Thessalonians 4:9-12. These Thessalonians seem to be misapplying the Gospel of Jesus' soon return. In what way? What is Paul's corrective?
6. Have you seen your work as a way to love one another? How does that shape and inform your work?
7. Have you seen your work as a way to witness to the world beyond what you say at work? How have you seen God use your work as a witness to others?

### **Praying Together**

- Pray that the Gospel would inform and change the way you work AND that God would use your work as a witness to the world.
- Share and pray for other needs.