

4. In what areas of your work do you face seemingly impossible tasks?

5. Where have you seen God healing broken places and/or people in your workplace?

6. What one task are you choosing to bring alongside Jesus this week?

Your Work Matters

“Christ and Carpenter”

Mark 6:1-6

“The idea that all good work is holy work was revolutionary. The Reformation toppled a vocational hierarchy that had placed monks, nuns, and priests at the top and everyone else below. The Reformers taught that a farmer may worship God by being a good farmer and that a parent changing diapers could be as near to Jesus as the pope. This was a scandal.” - Tish Harrison Warren

1. There is hope that your work is _____.

“If he were to come today as he did then, he could carry out his mission through most any decent and useful occupation. He could be a clerk or accountant in a hardware store, a computer repairman, a banker, an editor, doctor, waiter, teacher, farmhand, lab technician, or construction worker. He could run a housecleaning service or repair automobiles. In other words, if he were to come today he could very well do what you do. He could very well live in your apartment or house, hold down your job, have your education and life prospects, and live within your family surroundings and time. None of this would be the least hindrance to the eternal kind of life that was his by nature and becomes available to us through him.” - Dallas Willard

When work becomes how we worship versus what we worship, we move from being shaped into the image of our _____ and into the image of our _____.

2. There is help when your work is _____.

“The sculpture is already complete within the marble block, before I start my work. It is already there, I just have to chisel away the superfluous material.” - Michelangelo

Where is God leading you with your BLESS list this week?



**3. There is healing when your work, or your life,
is _____.**

"I'm practicing the discipline of not having to have the last word." - Dallas Willard

"In the creation story, God entered chaos and made order and beauty. In making my bed I reflected that creative act in the tiniest, most ordinary way. In my small chaos, I made small order." - Tish Harrison Warren

Personal Reflection & Small Group Questions

Please complete this study on your own, then bring it to your small group for discussion.

1. Looking back over your notes from this week's sermon, what particularly caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?
2. What's one work story that stands out among the rest as one that felt very important?
3. Read John 11:17-44. How would you talk about the work the people did in verse 44?

Resources:

Liturgy of the Ordinary; Tish Harrison Warren

Every Good Endeavor; Tim Keller

www.theologyofwork.org