



GROUP STUDY GUIDE

WEEK OF JANUARY 14, 2024 | MEANINGFUL WORK TO PURSUE

WARM-UP QUESTION

If you could own any business, which type of business would you choose?

DISCUSS

Start your discussion by sharing what stood out to you from Sunday's message. Were there any new insights or key takeaways for you?

Read [John 5:16-17](#)

- What words or phrases stand out in the text?
- What did Jesus do in the passage before that made the Jewish leaders angry? Why did Jesus' action upset them? How can we relate to the Jewish leaders today?
- How does it change your thoughts knowing that God works? What does this teach us about work?
- How does this part of the story connect to us today? What do you feel like God is saying to you after reading this passage?

Read [Haggai 2:4-7](#)

- What important words do you see in this passage? Do you see any repetition in these verses?
- Where do you see God's promise to His people in this passage? What is God promising to them?
- What difference does it make when we choose to obey God? What happens later when the people choose to dedicate their work to other things?
- What would it look like for us to dedicate our work to God? Is there an area of your life that you aren't giving God your first?

Read [Genesis 2:1-3](#)

- What thoughts come to mind when you first read these verses?
- Where do you see God's love for us in this passage? What does His love for us teach us about how He sees us?
- What made the seventh day holy? How can rest be a part of our worship to God?
- What does rest look like for you today?
- What life-giving activities do you do that take away stress from being busy?
- Describe what you consider a restful day. How could you begin to build these restful, life-giving habits into your everyday life?



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RESPOND

- Based on what you just discussed, what do you think God is prompting you to do in response? When will you do it?
- Pray together as a group for the specific goals or areas of struggle that came up in your discussion. Thank God for revealing more of who He is, and ask Him to help you apply what He's prompting you to do this week.