

Small Group Discussion Questions



// Week of May 5, 2024

LEADER INFO

- Mother's Day this Sunday, May 12th!
 - Corinne Mannes is preaching
 - Outdoor Mother's Day market
 - Free family portraits
 - Food trucks with food for purchase
- Baptism! Text "Dunk" to 604-670-3040 to sign up for our May 19th Baptism

GROW This section is based on the sermon from Sunday. You can find it here: <https://www.southsidelife.com/>

ICE BREAKER What is one highlight from your week? One lowlight?

What was I born to do?

"We had a good thing going, little buddy! I gave you those words to speak and you spoke them."

Read

Proverbs 10:4

Lazy hands make for poverty, but diligent hands bring wealth.

Proverbs 22:9

Do you see someone skilled in their work? They will serve before kings

Proverbs 15:19

The way of the sluggard is blocked with thorns, but the path of the upright is a highway.

Dorothy Sayers

People become doctors not primarily to relieve suffering but because they want to bring themselves and their families up in the world. People become lawyers not because they have a passion for justice but just to bring themselves and their families up in the world. During WWII, one of the great surprises many had in the army was that they found themselves for the very first time in their lives happy. Why? For the first time in their lives, they found themselves doing something not for the pay, because it was miserable, and not for the social standing because everyone was thrown in together, but for the sake of getting something done for us all...

1. Our Work Should Be: Targeted

**from here on out the word “work” refers to paid or unpaid, volunteer, parenthood, side hustles or otherwise...*

- a. What did you want to be when you grew up?
 - i. Which factors influenced you to choose the work you do today?
- b. In which ways do you believe God has gifted you? (ie. Good with people? Good with kids? Technical mind? Patient?)
- c. Would you be doing what you're doing if you didn't "have to"?
- d. Read Proverbs 22:9 (above).
 - i. What does that tell you about God's heart for how we work?

2. Our Work Should Be: Careful

- a. Read the quote from Dorothy Sayers (above).
 - i. What stands out to you?
- b. If you're honest, what are the motivations you often bring to your work? (ie. "I hope it's easy today, I just don't want to screw up, I'm going to do the least amount of work possible today, I hope people see how hard I'm working...")

- c. How would it change your daily outlook on work if you entered the day with either of these two outlooks?:
 - i. “How can I make someone’s life just a little bit better today?”
 - ii. “Love is the ‘why’ behind all of my ‘whats’ (ie. everything I do)”

3. Our Work Should Be: Persistent

- a. We need to be persistent in work - working hard, and with the right motivations. But that’s hard to do!
 - i. On Sunday, Pastor Mike said “you don’t work to determine your value: you are infinitely valuable and you bring that value into the work you do.”
 - 1. What does that mean to you?
 - ii. Read Titus 3:4-7 and discuss it

- b. Pastor Mike also shared about a picture his wife Corinne got in her mind when she was praying for him one day. It was Mike and Jesus, face-to-face and Jesus said “We had a good thing going, little buddy! I gave you those words to speak, and you spoke them.”
 - i. Considering the work that you do here on Earth, what will Jesus say to you?
 - le. “I gave you those co-workers to love and you loved them... I gave you those kids to raise and you raised them... I gave you those customers to cheer up and you cheered them...”*

Pray