



DISCIPLE GROUP CURRICULUM GUIDE

Live Abundantly

Week 4: Abundant Work

October 26 - 29, 2023

LEADER NOTES: **Fall trimester:** August 28 – December 10; **New Leader Trainings:** December 10 in-person and December 18 on Zoom.

Leader Podcast Now on Spotify: You can listen to every episode of [Leading Well in 7 Minutes or Less on Spotify](#).

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Serve Opportunity: Hadassah's Hope is committed to serving women in the adult entertainment industry through the love and hope of Jesus. Thanks to God, this ministry has expanded to support the needs of women from all walks of life with diverse languages and cultures. There's a great opportunity for women who speak Spanish to volunteer on the Outreach Team. For more information, please reach out to Shawn@hhjax.com. To sign up, visit hadassahshopejax.com.

Serve Opportunity: Sign up as a disciple group to serve in one of our 10:10 Life initiatives. [Click here to learn more and register](#).

We're Hiring: If you'd like to join our team at The Church of Eleven22, The Retreat Center or Hope's Closet, we invite you to [view our open roles](#) and see if there is one where your skills, talents and passions meet. This month's highlight is: [Accountant](#).

THIS WEEK'S READING PLAN: coe22.com/readingplan

Share Wins, Praises and Prayers: Where did you see God move this week?

The Point: Work is not to be worshipped or wasted but is to be USED as an act of worship to the God that placed you there.

SERMON TEXT: *Leviticus 19:13; Prov 6:6-11, 16:3, 18:9, 19:15, 20:4, 20:10, 24:30-34, 26:13-16; Matthew 5:14-16, 16:26; Luke 12:15-21; Acts 17:24-28; Colossians 3:17, 23; 1 Timothy 5:8*

Discussion Questions

LEADERS: There is no pressure to get through all the questions; we suggest prayerfully planning your choices for your group. Your leadership of sharing and questioning will determine how deep your group goes with each question.

During this series we will have videos with stories of people living the abundant life. Please show them at the beginning of your disciple group each week. **Week 3 Video.**

- **What stood out to you in the sermon this week?**
- **What did God reveal to you in the Scriptures this week,** (*Proverbs 16:3, 18:9, 19:15, 20:4, 20:10; Colossians 3:17*) **maybe for the first time?**

Review and discuss the following questions from page 98 in the Abundant Life Journal that was passed out during service:

- **Look at the verses again and compare and contrast what happens to the lazy person and the person who works unto the Lord. What do you observe?**
- **Do you fall more on the spectrum of idolizing work and believing it is the giver of life or being lazy and not believing work is important? What evidence in your life shows this? (What would your boss say if you asked him about your work ethic?)**
- **What specifically does it look like in your life to have an abundant work life rooted in simultaneously resting in God and building His Kingdom?**
- **Discover:** How does the fact that we are made in God's image relate to the idea of work? What does God's work in Creation teach us about how we should view work? (*God works, so he created us to join HIM in work. And God told them, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it, and have dominion. This is the cultural mandate."*)
Deepen: How did Adam and Eve worship God and how was work a part of that? (*They "worshiped God" by 1. Being fruitful and multiplying. 2. Working. 3. Obeying God. 4. Walking with God. All of that was worship. Work is not a result of the fall. There is no sacred/secular divide. "Abad" translated is "work." It's the same root word as worship. Our work is worship to the Lord.*)
- **Discover:** How can you glorify God at work? (*1. Work unto the Lord – keep the focus on Him and not on you. You may need to quit or scale back and use your vacation for the sake of your family and your soul. Most of us need to go back to our same job tomorrow with a renewed purpose. 2. Work hard. 3. Have integrity, no matter the cost, do the right thing and trust God with the results. 4. Realize the part you play in the cultural mandate. 5. Be radically generous! There is no guilt in how much you make, but you may need to repent in how you spend what you make. 6. Know that you've been placed there on purpose - even if it's only for a season.*)
Deepen: How do you currently glorify God at work? Which one of the ways to glorify God at work is hardest for you? Where is there room to grow?

ACTION STEP

A Disciple...Loves All People, Discovers Identity in Jesus, Deepens Relationship with Jesus

Take an inventory of your work life (your vocation outside of the home or your vocation inside the home, like a stay-at-home parent).

Write down:

- How many hours a week you work.
- What your attitude is most of the time towards your work (grateful, aggravated, etc.)?
- What is the healthy fruit and the rotten fruit produced from your work?

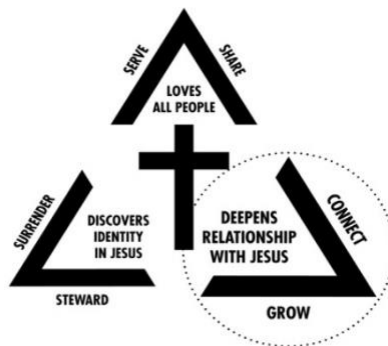
Bring these results to the Lord and receive His gentle reminder that your identity and value is found in Him alone. Share the results with your spouse or a trusted friend and pray over them together.

FAMILY TIME: Gather your family around a meal and ask everyone to share an example of God doing work in the Bible and calling others to work for His purposes. Talk about how God gave Adam and Eve good work to do in the garden before they sinned. Work was not a punishment for sinning. God has called each of us to join Him in His kingdom that is being built with the future hope of knowing all work will one day be redeemed by Him and full of worship of Him.

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- Details on the 10:10 Life are available at coe22.com/1010life.



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