

Grateful for Work 1

Why Does *Your* Work Matter to God?

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First Thoughts

Welcome



'Work doesn't
take us away from
God, it continues
the work of God.'
Eugene Peterson

What's in a name? Part 1: The big vote

Breakout Discussion 1: The 90" Interview

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| 1. Name | | |
| 2. Occupation | | |
| 3. Two things they like about their work | | |
| 4. One thing they dislike | | |

1. Work Matters

- Yes, Colossians 3:23–24, but why?
- The Creator-Worker God and our work – Genesis 1, Genesis 2:15
- Creating a context for human flourishing. And you?

God's Work & Yours?

Personal, purposeful, and productive:

- Order
- Provision
- Joy
- Beauty
- Release of potential



'God is first. That's the breath of life.
For me, that's why I'm here.
I've been blessed with these abilities.
I believe it's not what you're given,
it's what you do with what you have.
I learnt that from the Bible.
What are you going to do with what you have?
Everybody has gifts to give. Who did you lift today?
Who did you make better today?'
Denzel Washington

Breakout Discussion 2

In what ways does your work generate:

- Order
- Provision
- Joy
- Beauty
- Release of potential

2. Work, Human Flourishing & the Cross

- Colossians 1:15–20
- Reflecting the divine
 - Creating
 - Sustaining
 - Redeeming

3. Putting the 'You' in Why Your Work Matters

- Whatever you do? Genesis 2:19 and its implications

- What's in a name? Part 2

The Value of Work

- Instrumental value

- Intrinsic value

- Strategic value



'It was the only thing I wanted because I didn't know there were other ways to love God completely. I now know of course that you can be a bus conductress or a television person and love God completely.'
Sister Wendy Beckett

Breakout Discussion 3

Share & discuss:

- One thing that particularly struck you

- One thing that you are going to ponder, pray about, action, share with someone else...

- A question, comment, contribution on your mind

Questions, Comments, Contributions

Resources for the Frontline

There are lots of resources on work and whole-life discipleship the LICC website (licc.org.uk) including recommended books, links, Bible studies, sermons, and short films. You can also sign up for our weekly emails, 'Word for the Week' & 'Connecting with Culture', or our 40-day prayer journeys. The resources below can be ordered online, by phone, or by email from LICC.

Books & DVDs

Thank God It's Monday, Mark Greene
Fruitfulness on the Frontline, Mark Greene
Every Good Endeavour, Tim Keller

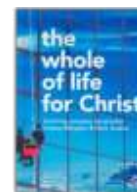


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In these two collections of true stories, Mark Greene offers us a window into the rich, varied, and sometimes surprising ways God works in our everyday lives – a great way to help you think about what Monday to Saturday discipleship might look like. Find supporting resources and share your own story at licc.org.uk/theoneabout

For Groups

Transforming Work, 8 sessions over a year for Christians in the workplace
Fruitfulness on the Frontline, 8-part group DVD resource, Mark Greene
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The Slave Who Saved Her Master – 2 Kings 5 (Mark Greene): via [All Souls Langham Place](http://AllSoulsLanghamPlace)
Serving God Wherever You Are – Acts 27 (Mark Greene): via [All Souls Langham Place](http://AllSoulsLanghamPlace)