



THE DESIGN & DIGNITY OF WORK

Week One



Read Along

Genesis 1:26-2:3, 2:8-20

Head

Observe the text and the author's main points *(15–20 Minutes)*

1. What are the characteristics God gives us in Genesis 1:26-27
2. What responsibilities does God give us in Genesis 1:29-30 and 2:15?
3. How is God working with man in Genesis 2:19-20?

Heart

Envision how the text—when applied—might transform your inner life in terms of your thoughts, attitudes, and behaviors *(15–20 Minutes)*

1. What does God doing the work of creation prior to the fall tell you about the intended place of work in our lives?
2. What does being created in God's image suggest about your ability in Christ to create? What can you create or restore to reflect God's creativity?
3. When we read Genesis, we often think of gardening and tending to animals. What does the presence of raw materials like gold, onyx, and bdellium (essential oil) in Genesis 2:12 imply about other types of work? Read Mark 6:3. What are the raw materials in your midst that you have to create?

Hands

Apply the text by moving from inward reflection to outward action looking for ways to live the text out in our lives to serve others *(10 Minutes)*

Reaching Upwards: Growing in Your Relationship with God

- Think about a mundane part of your job. Pray through how you could do it as a co-creator with God and how it would look different. Give it a try this week.

- Work and worship have the same work in Hebrew. Identify a project at work or around the house as an act of worship - pray over it, praise God as you do the work and see its end results, and journal the experience.

Reaching Outward: Investing in Your Neighbors

- Is there a project or issue in your neighborhood that needs resolution? Reach out to a few neighbors and invite them to join you to work together in addressing the issue. This could be a simple has hosting a trash cleanup or perhaps there is something more specific to your area.