



LIFE GROUPS 2020

NLC LIFE GROUP STUDY | PURPOSE IN OUR WORK

Week of JANUARY 12, 2020

Life Group Schedule

30 MIN Eat, Meet & Greet

15 MIN Ice Breaker Game: **ODD JOBS**. Similar to “High-Low,” this is less a game and more a getting-to-know-you exercise. Give everyone an opportunity to see who has the most unusual odd job or work experience.

TRANSITION: As you’re gathering, spend some time in **WORSHIP & PRAYER**.

45 MIN | PURPOSE IN OUR WORK

- A job is what you are paid for, but a calling is what you are made for.

WHAT DO WE SEE IN THE BIBLE REGARDING WORK?

- The Creation of work.
SEE GENESIS 2:8-9, 15
 - › God’s original design for work was delight and pleasure.
 - › God put Adam in the garden to work. Work was a gift.
- The Curse of work.
SEE GENESIS 3:17-19
 - › When sin entered the world, it affected every area of our lives.
 - › Work became heavy, a burden.
- The Commitment of work.
SEE COLOSSIANS 3:23-24

THE FIVE PURPOSES OF WORK

1. To Earn a Living.

SEE 1 TIMOTHY 5:8; 2 THESSALONIANS 3:10-12; PROVERBS 13:4

2. To Express my Talents.

SEE 1 PETER 4:10

- How do you know when you’re in the right job?
 - › You are successful and satisfied.
 - › Meaning matters more than money.

Q1. Do you feel like the work you’re doing now reflects the talents and skills the Lord has given you?

3. To Enlarge my Character.

SEE 1 PETER 5:10

- God is shaping our character every day.
- Your WHO is different than your DO. You are a human BEING more than a human DOING.
- Who you are becoming will influence what you are doing, but it's not your identity.

Q2. How is God shaping your character through your current work?

4. To Encourage Others.

SEE PROVERBS 11:25

- When you mention and pray for daily bread, you pray for everything that is necessary in order to have and enjoy daily bread and, on the other hand, against everything which interferes with it.

Q3. Who in your current sphere of influence is the Lord showing you needs encouragement?

5. To Expand God's Kingdom.

SEE ACTS 20:35

- Work for the Kingdom of God!
- If you want God's blessing on your business, your job, your career, be generous!

Q4. Can you worship while you work?

TAKE PRAYER REQUESTS AND PRAY OVER NEEDS