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Work for God's Glory

We can be tempted to think evangelism and missions are the only types of work with lasting value and meaning. But through discussing and studying passages like Isaiah 60, Jeremiah 29, and Revelation 21 together, we'll see the Bible reveal how the work we do now on earth and the things we create matter, can have lasting heavenly value to God, and add to his glory.

AWARENESS Before listening reflect on what you already know or understand about topics we'll cover in the episode.

- What places or activities do you instinctively associate with glorifying God?
- How do you define "the work of the Lord"?



READ Isaiah 60, Revelation 21, Jeremiah 29

REFLECTION After listening, consider the following questions:

- How can your work be an act of worship? How can you glorify God through your specific work?
- What new perspective might <u>Jeremiah 29:4-7</u> give you in a difficult, challenging, or tedious working situation?
- How often do you consider the lasting impact of the daily work you do? Why is it challenging to focus on God's glory and how God will redeem and renew our work in the new creation during our daily work?
- Does your definition of "the work of the Lord" change at all after listening to segment 3? Why or why not?

RELATED PASSAGES for further study

1 Corinthians 15:50-58, Matthew 5:13-16, Colossians 3:22-25

CONCLUSION

While reflecting on God's inclusion of our work in the new creation, consider those you know who are dissatisfied with their work. What ideas from today's conversation could you use to encourage them? In what ways should we be cautious so that our focus on God's perspective and kingdom value don't potentially cause us to become dismissive or ignore problems that really should be addressed? Pray for opportunities to listen and wisdom before speaking. Also, consider praying before you begin working (like you might pray before a meal); pray about your concerns and struggles, but also pray that your words and deeds at work would glorify God.

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