



Young Business Leaders

First Conversations

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Work: What is Work & Why Does it Matter?

Read in Preparation: Genesis 1-3, Matthew 28:18-20

Read Aloud Together & Discuss: Genesis 1:1 & 1:26-31, 2:15, 2:19-20

1. What do these verses teach you about God?

1a. According to these verses, how does God feel about work?

2. What do these verses teach you about people?

2a. What are the purposes (work) God has given to man?

Read Aloud Together & Discuss: Genesis 3:17-19

1. What do these verses teach you about God?

2. What do these verses teach you about people?

2a. What do these verses teach you about work?

For Reflection: How Does the Mission Jesus gave the Church connect to work?

Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age." (Matthew 28:18-20)

Matthew 28:19-20 is often called the "great commission". We have a mission to make disciples. We are to baptize, to teach people to obey all God has commanded through Jesus. This is connected to Genesis 1-3 because the earth is now full of image bearers, but they do not consciously follow God or intentionally reflect His image. This is the work of evangelism -- we are reconnecting people to their created purposes!

What is one way you can apply these lessons to your life this week?

Relationships: Why are Relationships so Important?

Read in Preparation

Luke 10:25-37

Proverbs 13:20

Read Aloud and Discuss Together: Luke 10:25-37, The Greatest Commandment

1. What does this story teach you about God?
2. What does this story teach you about People?

He who walks with wise men will be wise, But the companion of fools will suffer harm.

– Proverbs 13:20

1. What does this mean?

2. Are you practically applying this today? If not, how can you start?

For Reflection: The Most Important Relationship

We are made for relationships with God and with people! However, In lesson 1, we learned that all men have chosen to rebel against God. That rebellion has broken our relationship with God and is the cause of all our problems with people. We cannot love God or have a relationship with Him unless He makes a way for that damage and rebellion to be repaired. The good news of Christianity is that God has made a way. That is why Jesus has come, to fulfill the requirements of obedience that we could not (Matthew 5:17). Jesus then offered His perfect life as a sacrifice to cover the sins of all who trust in Him (John 3:16).

We want to have purpose in our work and life in our relationships. That begins when we trust God to forgive our sins through the sacrifice of Jesus. Every other good thing flows from a life of trust and obedience to Jesus. If you have made that commitment, press into it! If you have questions about it, or want to know how to begin to follow Jesus, let's discuss that one-on-one.

Habits: Why are healthy habits worth the effort?

Read in Preparation

Galatians 6:7-10

Matthew 7:24-27

Read Aloud Together and Discuss:

Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, this he will also reap. For the one who sows to his own flesh will from the flesh reap corruption, but the one who sows to the Spirit will from the Spirit reap eternal life. Let us not lose heart in doing good, for in due time we will reap if we do not grow weary. So then, while we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, and especially to those who are of the household of the faith.

Galatians 6:7-10

1. What does this teach you about God?

2. What does this teach you about people?

3. What are some of the healthy habits which you can sow to reap a good harvest in the future?

4. What are the next steps YBL can help you to take in that direction?

For Reflection: Possible Next Steps with YBL

- Help you to join a small group
- Help you find a local church for you and your family
- Teach you how to read the Bible
- Help coach you to lead a small group in your home or office.
- Spend time exploring questions about God one on one (4-week Investigative Study)
- Meet with a mentor to discuss a pressing or specific issue