

After Hours Small Group

Every Good Endeavor

“ Whatever you do, do it from the heart for the Lord and not for people.”
-Colossians 3:23 (CEB)

Description

This study will consider pressing questions as:

- What is the purpose of work?
- How can I find meaning and serve customers in a cutthroat, bottom-line-oriented workplace?
- How can I use my skills in a vocation that has meaning and purpose?
- Can I stay true to my values and still advance in my field?
- How do I make the difficult choices that must be made in the course of a successful career?

Meeting Details

We will meet on Mondays from 8:30-9:30pm via ZOOM meeting. Pastor Justin will send a link to participants. Please email Sharon Smith (ssmith@universityumc.church) to sign-up.

Reading Material

Every Good Endeavor: Connecting Your Work to God's Work, by Timothy Keller.

Schedule

Week	Date	Chapters	Questions to Consider
Week 1	1/11	Introduction 1 The Design of Work 2 The Dignity of Work	What's the difference between a "job" and a "calling" or "vocation?" Does the fact that Genesis presents God as a worker make you feel differently about your work?
Week 2	1/25	3 Work as Cultivation 4 Work as Service	What does "rule" and "subdue" over creation mean to you? How does work as a calling affect job choices?
Week 3	2/1	5 Work Becomes Fruitless 6 Work Becomes Pointless	Did you gain any new insights about sin from the 1st two sections of ch 5: Paradise Lost & Things Fall Apart? How can work be alienating through injustice and depersonalization?

Week 4	2/8	7 Work Becomes Selfish 8 Work Reveals Our Idols	How does the Tower of Babel illustrate the tendency to use our work to establish our identity? What are examples of modern day idols?
Week 5	2/15	9 A New Story of Work 10 A New Conception of Work	How would you describe the difference between a Christian worldview and other world views? What is common grace?
Week 6	2/22	11 A New Compass for Work 12 New Power for Work Epilogue	Have you experienced unethical behavior in your workplace? Have you felt the freedom that Jesus gives in your workplace?