

Use the worksheet to complete your series overview to share with the team. Circle one:

Vision                      **Discipleship**                      NT/OT                      Stewardship

Christmas                      Prayer & Fasting                      Gospel/Jesus                      **Felt Needs**

<b>TITLES</b>	The Rest of the Week
<b>SUBTITLE</b>	Embracing Work and Celebrating Sabbath
<b>BIG IDEA</b>	Work and Rest (Sabbath) are special, purposeful, gifts from God
<b>SUMMARY PARAGRAPH</b>	Half of our waking hours are spent at work. Most people struggle with the idea that work is a necessary evil, or work becomes an idol, or work makes life so busy and exhausting we don't have time or energy for God, for family or "real ministry". But what if God has a different, better way?
<b>SCRIPTURE</b>	
<b>SERIES BREAKDOWN</b>	<p>I have a job!! Work is a perfect, sinless, good gift from God. Genesis 2:15. Image bearers labor to serve and bless God's creation. I Thes 4:9-12</p> <p>My work is a witness – Excellence, diligence, integrity. Proverbs 14:23 All hard work brings a profit, but mere talk leads only to poverty. Additional study of "diligence" from Proverbs.</p> <p>The Workplace as Ministry - Story of Daniel 6. Because of Daniel's witness, a pagan king is trusting Daniel's God to protect him.</p> <p>Sabbath unto the LORD – Rest and rejoice in God, do not work, keep the day holy. Genesis 2, Exodus 20:8-11.</p> <p>Sabbath a gift for humankind – Jesus is Lord of the Sabbath and he said Sabbath is made for people, as something to be a blessing. Mark 2:23-3:6 A day for doing good!</p>
<b>CREATIVE ELEMENTS</b>	

**God's Design for Work – Gen 1:26-28; 2:15; 3:17-19; I Thes 4:9-12; II Thes 3:10; Revelation (I am made in the image of God) – Galen Holcomb**

God's design for work - Genesis 1:26-28. Humans, made in the image of the Creator, work with creation in partnership with God, under His authority, to serve and do good. Genesis 2: 15 God placed Adam in the garden/temple to "work it and take care of it" as part of his worship to God. Work is still good but is frustrated by the curse of sin. Genesis 3: 17-19. Work is being redeemed by Jesus – I Thes 4:9-12 Part of loving one another is each of us working as God's means of providing for us. II Thes 3:10 Hard work in the community is normal expectation – if you don't work, you don't eat. There will be work in eternity Revelation.

**Sabbath Design – Genesis 2:2-3, Exodus 20:8-11. Mark 2:23-3:6 (I am more than I produce) – Chad Bacon**

Sabbath Design and Enjoyment. Genesis 2:2-3 (24 hour period of rest) is ordained by God as part of the original sinless creation. It is part of God's weekly cadence for human flourishing – 6 days work, 1 day rest from work. Exodus 20:8-11 (If God designed humans to recharge every 7<sup>th</sup> day before sin, how much more do we need to be renewed in Him with sin tainting this world?) Mark 2:23-3:6 Jesus affirms the Sabbath as a gift from God to serve and bless humanity. Humanity is not meant to serve the sabbath. Sabbath is a day to worship, renew, enjoy, and do good.

**The Dark Side of Work – Matthew 6:19-24, I John 2:15 – 17; I Timothy 6:6-10, 17-19 (I am not in control...) – Jason Pena**

The Dark Side of Work. Matthew 6:19-24 I Timothy 6 Work can become a false god, a black hole that sucks your life away. The world tells us that our identity is found in your work/performance/resume/accomplishments – you are what you do. The world says your family needs your money but not your presence. Matthew 6:19-24 - We are to store up treasure in heaven, have eyes of light, cannot serve two masters. Beware the god of Mammon. I John 2: 15- Do not love the world, things of the world...lust/pride/accomplishments. I Timothy 6:6-10,17-19 – the love of money is root of all kinds of evil. Godliness with contentment is great gain. As God blesses with wealth, do not put your hope in wealth but be generous and willing to share.

**Work on Mission – I Corinthians 10:31, Matthew 5:13-16; Daniel 1, 6 (I am a missionary) – Luke Dudenhofer**

Work as Mission. I Corinthians 10:31 do everything for the glory of God. Matthew 5:13-16 We are the salt of the earth, light of world. Daniel 1, 6 the examples of the Hebrew exiles who never compromised their faith and stood out for their excellent service. Our work is our holy vocation (Martin Luther, Tim Keller), and we do ministry for God when we work for people - milk the cow, bake the bread, complete the project for the glory of God. There is no secular vs sacred divide in life.