

GOD AT WORK

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When Work Isn't Working

BOTTOM LINE

We get work working by opening our hearts, our hands, and our homes.

KEY VERSES

Nehemiah 5
Colossians 3:23-24
Acts 20:35
Psalm 90:17

“May the favor
of the Lord our God
rest on us;
establish the work of
our hands for us—
yes, establish the
work of our hands.”
Psalm 90:17

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What was your major takeaway from the message this morning?
2. No matter what we do, there will be days when work just isn't working. How is work working for you right now?
3. Terkel Studs says that to survive a day at work “is triumph enough for the walking wounded among the great many of us.” Have you ever had a job which drained you rather than brought a sense of joy and purpose? If you have, how did you handle that? If you have not, how do you feel about Stud's claim?
4. In Colossians 3:23-24, Paul bases his appeal to Christians about work not on the laws of nature (you don't eat if you don't work) but on the law of the new nature as God's children. When work hasn't worked for you, how easy was it to focus on who you do it for rather than what you were doing? Any tips you could share to the group?
5. Nehemiah 5 is a powerful text reminding us that work doesn't get better unless people treat people differently. Read Nehemiah 5 again, especially verses 6-13. What practical things can we do to help those for whom work isn't working?
6. The third way Pastor Craig said we get work working is to join a family, not a church. The church is not a building but called out individuals who commit to following Christ together. Can you remember the time when the idea of the church as people, the family of God, hit home? What can we do to help others reach that realization?