



LINKGROUP SERMON-BASED DISCUSSION GUIDE

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Dignity of Work Genesis 1:26-27; 2:5 January 10th 2016

Our goal in discipleship is to experience the following areas; together, in Christ, by the Spirit.

The love of our God and King (UP)

- 1) *Genesis 1:26a* reads "Then God said, 'Let us make human beings in our image, to be like us.'" In what ways are you used to thinking of people as made in God's image?
- 2) **Read Genesis 1:26-29.** Had you noticed the connection between being created in God's image and our call to "reign", "have dominion" or "rule" over the earth before? What does this bring to mind for you regarding our relationship with God and with the earth? What is our role/work to be?

Ongoing transformation as Kingdom citizens (IN)

- 3) Genesis 1:27 says God made **us** in His image... not just me or you. Not a specific race, gender, age, occupation or any other grouping of people. **Read 1 Corinthians 12:5-27.** What does this mean when it comes to the dignity of work? How should this affect your view of the dignity of your work and the work of others? What jobs are important or unimportant? Are you only working if you are getting paid? Is the dignity of work connected to pay scale?
- 4) Has anyone ever trained, apprenticed or shaped you before in an area of work? (Remember this goes far beyond employment.) How did you take on their "image" in the way you did that work going forward? How did your work reflect on them?

Life as Kingdom service (OUT)

- 5) God took joy in creating. Then He made us in His image and handed the care and continuation of His work to us. That is not a small gift. How are we doing that? Do we seek to use or have power over others in the area of work or do we bestow dignity on them as it has been bestowed on us? Give examples of how you see this in your life.

Discussion Guidelines:

- Participate honestly. Your questions and opinions are valued.
- Keep each comment to 2-3 min. Allow others to make comments before weighing in again.
- Try to participate for most questions, but everyone has the right to pass.
- Try to stay on topic.
- We are here to support one another, not "fix" one another.
- Speak the truth in love, growing in every way more and more like Christ (Ephesians 4:15).
- What is shared in the group stays in the group.

6) If you work as an "image bearer" of God how does this need to affect how you do your work? How can you reflect the dignity of God, yourself and others in your work? Be as specific as possible.