

Beyond Sunday

For groups, friends, families, couples, or individuals to reflect on the message you heard this Sunday.

FOCUS: During our 8-week **Made for Mondays** series, we will discover what it looks like to go from simply working as an employee, student, stay-at-home mom, retiree (or even when unemployed) to fulfilling God’s unique mission for each of us. This week, we reflect on what it means to have a Monday morning mindset.

1. Watch this video of Lindsay [<https://bit.ly/1KIJ2d6>] What aspect of her approach are you drawn to the most? Why and how do think she does what she does?
2. In a 2019 survey conducted by the Barna Group, they concluded that while the desire is high, almost 75% of Christians are not integrating who they are at church with their Monday-Saturday life. Why do you think this is so for others and you?
3. Genesis 1 reveals God bringing order through His work. Read Genesis 2:15. This is about mankind bringing order through their work. What is the work Adam is called to do? And if all work is participating with God to be restorers of the world so it reflects the garden, how has God called you to be garden restorer at your work?
4. Read Genesis 2:2, Genesis 2:16-17, Genesis 3:17, 1 Corinthians 10:31. Why do you think God would put boundaries in our work—cursed work—and called us to glorify Him through our work?
5. This week, what will you do differently to approach your work with God more as a gardener who is restoring things back to His kingdom order?

BONUS CONTENT

1. Pray for those in the education sector (administrators, teachers, students) to live out their faith.
2. Complete this survey [Bit.ly/made4mondays] to help you and us understand your view of work.
3. View *Redeeming Work* on our free RightNow Media platform. It provides six weeks of guided conversations, interviews, and documentaries reflecting examples of Christians integrating their faith and work. wearepcc.com/resources/rightnow-media/

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Monday Morning Theology

Now no shrub had yet appeared on the earth and no plant had yet sprung up, for the Lord God had not sent rain on the earth and there was no one to work the ground... Genesis 2:5

A Perspective of Work

Now the earth was **formless and empty**, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters. Genesis 2:1

In his defense Jesus said to them, “My Father is always at his **work** to this very day, and **I too am working.**” John 5:17



Guardrails for Work

The Lord God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to **work** it and take **care** of it. And the Lord God commanded the man, “You are free to eat from any tree in the garden; but you must not eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, for when you eat from it you will certainly die.” Genesis 2:15-17

The Lord **detests** dishonest scales, but accurate weights find favor with him. Proverbs 11:1

A Power for Work

By the seventh day God had finished the work he had been doing; so on the seventh day he **rested** from all his work. Genesis 2:2

“Cursed is the ground because of you; **through painful toil** you will eat food from it all the days of your life. Genesis 3:17b

No longer will there be any curse. The throne of God and of the Lamb will be in the city, and his **servants** will **serve** him. Revelation 22:3

When Jesus had tasted **it**, he said, “**It is finished!**” John 19:30a (NLT)

So What?

- **Pray for work**
- **Work hard**
- **Expect sweat**

How does my work glorify God?

- God is glorified when we work hard, with a view toward pleasing God, not humans (Col. 3:23-24).
- God is glorified when we are honest and function with integrity. (Ps. 15, Gen. 39).
- God is glorified when we honor our superiors and submit to their authority (1 Tim. 6:1; Rom. 13:7).
- God is glorified when we treat our work associates with kindness and respect (Luke 6:31; Rom. 12:18).
- God is glorified when we expose fraud, dishonesty or unethical behavior (Eph. 5:11-13).
- God is glorified when we approach our work prayerfully (1 Thess. 5:17).
- God is glorified when we avoid complaining, even in less-than-ideal work situations (Phil. 2:14-15).
- God is glorified when we refuse to make work and money our idols (Matt. 6:24; Ecc. 5:10-12).
- God is glorified when we plan diligently for the future (Prov. 21:5).
- God is glorified when we live and give generously (Prov. 22:9; 1 Tim. 6:17-19).
- God is glorified when we trust him to provide today what we need for today (Matt. 6:11).
- God is glorified when we rest from work (Deut. 5:13-15; Ps. 46:10, Heb. 4)

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