



## Work as Worship

### Welcome (10 mins)

What would be the worst job in the world for you? ....and the best?

### Worship (20 mins)

Collect together a mixture of everyday items (candle, knife, book, plant, keys, etc) and invite each person to select one that represents something significant about their relationship with God. After a period of quiet reflection (probably best NOT to play music), get everyone to share something about their object and then enter into thanksgiving for the ways in which God works in each individual's life.

### Word (40 mins)

#### Week 1:

If possible get everyone to listen to the tape / review notes on Work as Worship in advance. Make sure that everyone has got hold of the idea that work isn't a necessary evil to earn money, or just an opportunity to evangelise, but is something that we have been created for. Get people to share how easy or difficult it is to do their work "as unto the Lord". What attitudes do we have to guard against? (e.g. God is only honoured if we are successful, people's worth depends on the sort of job they do, etc). Be aware that we are sometimes guilty of inverted prejudice ie valuing a "humble" cleaner, but despising a successful businessman.

Get everyone to share one thing which they can do differently at work which will help encourage a mindset of doing Kingdom business. Agree that you will all review how you've got on when you next meet and hold each other accountable.

#### Week 2:

Ask everyone to identify one aspect of their work which is separate from their paid job. How does this relate to their understanding of God's calling on their life? Is there anything they are doing which is not relevant to God's calling? How do they imagine they will spend their "retirement" (i.e. the period of life when we don't have to be paid for our work)?

Try to encourage people to dream about their sense of destiny. Does anyone have an unfulfilled desire to undertake some specific work using their God-given gifts? (If so pray with them for faith to realise it). Talk about how people could feel more connected and supported in their real world situations (not just jobs). Agree on some practical ways



in which you as a group can practically encourage each other in these situations, especially where people feel isolated or overwhelmed.

### **Witness (20 mins)**

How much do you know about what jobs your oikos contacts do? Resolve to find out more so that you can communicate with them more meaningfully, understand them more deeply and pray for them more effectively.

### **Notes**

There is enough material here to span 2 cell sessions. Use Cell Resources for additional welcome and worship ideas if required.

# Cell Plan