

God's Work is Our Rest

Romans 4:4-8, Genesis 3:16-19, John 1:14, Hebrews 2:17-18, I Corinthians 15:12, 16-20

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WARM-UP QUESTIONS:

1. What is an example of toil in your life? Why do you think that there is toil in our lives? Does God take pleasure in seeing the Curse at work?
2. With our advances in knowledge and technology, what problems still exist that we may have assumed would have been solved or eliminated by now?
3. Do you think work is easier or harder now than it was years ago? What realities of work have we now been able to avoid or escape? What new challenges has emerged that we did not face in the past?

REFLECTION QUESTIONS:

1. Through his incarnation (John 1:14), Jesus entered into the reality of painful struggle and toil on earth. What are some examples of his toil?
2. The disciples and others saw Lazarus rise from the dead (read John 11). Why couldn't they believe that Jesus rose from the dead, even when He stood in their midst?
3. What is the purpose of toil in our lives? What does the hope of resurrection impact how we navigate these experiences.
4. Pastor Jason says that we find our rest in Jesus' toil. What does that mean?

APPLICATION QUESTIONS:

1. With our Lenten series on work/being with God concluded, what insights or perspectives have you found most helpful?
2. What differences can your relationship with God have responding to the various toil in your life at work, school, with family?
3. What keeps you believing in the resurrection?
4. Jesus' resurrection is only the beginning of the renewing of the world. Where in our world are you looking and longing for renewal? We invite you to pray for these situations.