

GET TO WORK!

2 Thessalonians 3:6-15

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The questions below are designed to be used by Saylorville Church Cell Groups as they meet during the week following the Sunday morning message at Saylorville. The intent is not for groups to answer every question, but for leaders to use the questions as a guide as they tailor the discussion to the unique needs of their group. The Sunday message and these questions can be found each week at www.saylorvillechurch.com/sermons.

CONNECT WITH YOUR GROUP (10-15 MINUTES)

- *Tell your group about your first job: Was it hard work? How did you get the job? What did you like about it/not like about it? How much did you get paid?*
- *How did your first job form the way you think about work?*

APPLY THE BIBLE (45-60 MINUTES)

- **Remember** what you talked about last time you met. Anything you need to follow up on as a group?
- **Review** the notes you took on Sunday. What is **one thing** that sticks out to you about what you heard?
- **Read** this week's passage together. In his message, **Pastor Pat gave us three reminders of how good works make us more like Jesus.**

Good works make us more like Jesus:

1. Doing good works is being like Jesus

- Read these passages for some context:
 - Genesis 2:1-3 and John 1:1-3: In creation, Jesus worked.
 - John 5:17: Jesus was working while He was on Earth.
- *Have you ever thought about the idea that doing good works makes you more like Jesus?*
- *Whether you're just joining the work force, or you're retired, how should the way you work point people to Jesus? As a Christian, what is the connection between work and worship?*

2. Doing good works provides a pattern for others to follow (2 Thessalonians 3:7, 9)

- Paul told other Christians to imitate him as he imitated Christ (1 Corinthians 11:1). *Who are some people that you have followed as you've grown in your faith? How have those people helped you be more like Jesus?*
- *Who are some people you are intentionally helping become more like Jesus? How are you doing that?*
- *In your Cell Group, who are the people who are being trained to multiply and lead one day?*

3. Doing good works provides a moral basis to confront bad works (2 Thessalonians 2:14)

- Three steps to approaching an idle person:
 - **Identify them (vs 14).** *Do you know a Christian brother or sister who is entangled in things that don't have any eternal significance? Are you?*
 - **Isolate them (vs 14).** *Don't spend time with lazy people, or you may become like them! Are you spending time with people who do good works for the right reasons?*
 - **Confront them (vs 10, 15).** *When you do good works, it provides the moral basis to confront bad works. Do you need to confront someone this week? Does someone need to confront you?*

PRAY TOGETHER (5-15 MINUTES)

- "I'm not afraid of failure; I'm afraid of succeeding at things that don't matter." - William Carey
- Pray that your group will be successful at things that matter for eternity this week.

