

A LIFE OF PURPOSE

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Work as Worship

1. The Hebrew words for “work” and “keep” in Genesis 2:15 (‘abad and shamar) are the same words used for priestly service in the tabernacle. What does it stir in you to know that the first human vocation was described in priestly terms?
2. Where has God entrusted you with a “garden” to cultivate—a home, a relationship, a work-space, a community—and what does faithful stewardship of that place look like?
3. Priests didn’t just work—they also kept, guarded, and protected the temple from impurity. What is one boundary or protection you need to guard in order to protect what God has entrusted to you?
4. Jesus is described as the true High Priest. He embodied both power and sacrifice. How does his example reshape what authority and care look like in your sphere of influence?
5. Ephesians 2:10 says we are created in Christ Jesus for good works—not saved by them, but designed for them. How does that distinction shape the way you think about the role of works in the Christian life?
6. Daniel described good works as the natural outpouring of a life restored and devoted to Jesus—not a performance, and not optional. Where do you tend to drift toward one of those distortions: performing for approval, or checking out and avoiding effort?
7. Colossians 3:23 says, “Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men.” What changes in how you approach your most ordinary tasks—parenting, work, household responsibilities—when you do them as an act of worship?
8. What is one good work—ordinary, unspectacular, maybe even unseen—that you sense God inviting you into this week?