

God and Work

Message Study Notes for 25 April 2021

God created man and woman and put them to work, giving them purpose and meaning.

In what way can work lack meaning and purpose?

See Ecclesiastes 9 verse 9. The bible recognises that this isn't how things are supposed to be.

Read Genesis 1 verses 26 to 30.

Humans are designed to reflect God. He gives them opportunity to rule, have dominion, over creation. **How does that reflect God?**

Human leadership over creation is designed to be a blessing to the world, fruitful and fulfilling. **In what ways may we get that wrong?**

God demonstrates, in Jesus, a leadership that empties itself of its rights and entitlements in order to serve others.

If we are to do that properly in community, how can God's church care and serve this creation?

Read Genesis 3 verses 16-19.

There are consequences to bad leadership and care. **What consequences do you see?**

Through Jesus, God is making all things right. But he calls us to participate. **How can sharing the message of Jesus be part of the healing and restoration of creation?**

Read Revelation 22 verses 1 to 5.

A question to ask yourself in private: **Is the energy from my work being driven to meet my own desires and needs? Or is it focused on being a blessing to others?' Or even, 'Is the work I do a negative influence on others and creation?'**