Session #1
The Perfect Job (work before the fall)

Breaking the Ice:

Do you think most people enjoy their job or do they endure their job?

What do you find most satisfying about your job?

Exploration:

Read: *Exodus 20:8-11*

Have you ever considered God's example of work as being a pattern for us? How does this example change your view of work? Worship?

How do you think you do with the work – worship cycle? In your life what factors get in the way of this cycle?

Read: *Genesis 2:15-20*

Even before sin entered the world, what work was Adam given to do? What would you imagine his daily activities to be?

How would this work be fulfilling? Purposeful?

How does this help us see work as more than just a negative result of a fallen world?

Does this help us see that our "work life" is related to a greater purpose?

Bringing it Home

If you were teaching a child the reason that we work, how would you do it? What connections to our spiritual life would you make in such a conversation?

How often are you thankful for your work? Where would you be without it? How can you incorporate your work into your times of praise and worship of God?

Do you ever need to work on your attitude toward your work? How can the passages in this study help you do so?

Bottom Line

Work is designed to connect our lives to Him and to allow us to accomplish something for Him.

For Next time

Read: *Genesis 3:17-19*