



SERMON DISCUSSION GUIDE

THINK|22



At this year's THINK, Dr. Dan Doriani and breakout panelists helped us think about our work.

REFLECTION

1. How would you describe the kind of work that you are doing in this season of life? If you are not in a traditional full-time job/career, is it challenging to think of what you do as "work"? Why?
2. What was your favorite experience from THINK weekend?
3. What were your biggest takeaways from these areas?
 - The entire THINK weekend experience
 - Session 1: Foundations for Faithfulness at Work
 - Session 2: Calling & Work
 - Breakout Session
 - Session 3: Rest and Work/Life Balance
4. What is one way you want to approach your work differently or help someone else in their work?

FURTHER RESOURCES

Essay: "[The Doctrine of Vocation](#)" by Gene Edward Veith

Books:

[Work: Its Purpose, Dignity, and Transformation](#) by Daniel M. Doriani

[Every Good Endeavor: Connecting Your Work to God's Work](#) by Tim Keller with Katherine Leary Alsdorf

[Work Matters: Connecting Sunday Worship to Monday Work](#) by Tom Nelson

Organizations:

[Made To Flourish](#)

[Center for Faith & Work](#)



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MATTHEW 25



Read this week's passage aloud before discussing together.

OBSERVATION

1. What are your personal observations about the passage?
 - What sticks out to you (words, phrases, concepts, themes)?
 - Why do these things stick out to you?
 - Does it remind you of other Bible passages?
2. Examine the context of the passage:
 - What's happening in the book before and after the passage?
 - What's going on in history at the time of the passage?
 - What type of literature or genre is the passage?
3. What was one of your main takeaways from Sunday's sermon?

INTERPRETATION

4. What questions does this passage raise for you?

APPLICATION

5. How should you apply this passage to your life? Consider how it applies to your thoughts, attitudes, habits, decisions, relationship with God, and relationships with others.
6. Consider the quote below from Dr. Dan Doriani. How do you need to shift your attitude about work from fulfillment (of yourself) to faithfulness (to God and others)? What outward behaviors would demonstrate this shift of heart?

"[T]he question for fulfillment [in work] is largely egocentric. The pursuit of fulfillment readily pushes aside the needs of neighbors. Scripture speaks most often of faithfulness, not fulfillment, in labor." (Work: Its Purpose, Dignity, and Transformation, Daniel M. Doriani, p. 108)

FURTHER RESOURCES

- Books: [Work: Its Purpose, Dignity, and Transformation](#) by Daniel M. Doriani
- Article: ["Christian, Your Job Is a Ministry Job"](#) by Jon Bloom
- [Children's Ministries Family Devotional](#)