

# Work As Worship

Your Work Matters to God

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*“A formative community of disciple makers from all professions bringing God’s love to life among the least reached.”*

# Why Do People Lie?

**“Lying is an abomination to God, and an ever-present help in times of trouble.”**

***It's a joke!!***

# Why Does Satan Lie to Us?

**Satan lies to us because he is afraid of how we will respond if we know the truth about:**

- 1. Who We Are in Christ**
- 2. The Mission God Created Us For**

**“I’m Just”**

**Proud Declaration**

**Or**

**Shameful Resignation?**

# Two Lies

- 1. “My work is not eternally valuable to God; it’s just a job.”**
- 2. “I’m a second-class Christian and not qualified for mission in my daily contexts.”**

# Three Truths

## We Are...

1. Partners With the Creator
2. Priests For the Savior
3. Positioned to Change the World

# **1. We Are Partners With the Creator**



# Partners With the Creator

*"And God blessed them. And God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over every living thing that moves on the earth."*

Genesis 1:28

*"The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to work it and keep it."*

Genesis 2:15



# The Cultural Mandate

**“In Genesis, God gives what we might call the first job description: “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it.”**

**The first phrase, “be fruitful and multiply” means to develop the social world: build families, churches, schools, cities, governments, laws.**

**The second phrase, “subdue the earth,” means to harness the natural world: plant crops, build bridges, design computers, compose music.**

**This passage is sometimes called the Cultural Mandate because it tells us that our original purpose was to create cultures, build civilizations – nothing less.”**

***Nancy Pearcey, Total Truth***



# The Cultural Mandate

**“Whatever you do, do your work heartily, as for the Lord rather than for men, knowing that from the Lord you will receive the reward of the inheritance. It is the Lord Christ whom you serve.”**

*Colossians 3:23-24*



# Partners With The Creator

***“The invitation to follow Jesus, is not just to spend eternity in his presence... it’s an invitation to cooperate with him in making his world as much like he intends it to be before he returns.”***

**Mark Greene LICC**



# 2. We Are Priests For the Savior

**Incorrect Theology!**

“Christ gave two ways of life to His church. One is the perfect life, in which no marriage is permitted. The perfect life is spiritual, devoted to contemplation and reserved for priests, monks, and nuns; the permitted life is secular, dedicated to work and open to such tasks as soldiering, governing, teaching, trading, and raising families.”

Gospel by Eusebius, Bishop of Caesarea



# Priests For The Savior

**“It is because of this sacred-secular divide...that the vast majority of Christians do not feel equipped for mission in their daily contexts, nor helped to know Christ’s presence with them where they spend most of their time... The sacred-secular divide leads us to believe that really holy people become overseas missionaries, moderately holy people become local church pastors, and people who are not much use to God get a job!”**

**Mark Greene, The Great Divide**

# Priests For The Savior

**“As you come to him, a living stone rejected by men but in the sight of God chosen and precious, you yourselves like living stones are being built up as a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ... But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.”**

**1Peter 2:5,9**

# Priests For The Savior

**“There can no longer be an elite priesthood with claims of special access to God, or special privileges in worship or in fellowship with God. Every Christian can now with confidence, draw near to the throne of Grace.”**

**Martin Luther**

# What Are Pastors For?

**“And he gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the shepherds and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ,”**

**Ephesians 4:11-12**

# 3. We Are Positioned To Change The World





# 3.5 Billion

**There are 3.5 Billion Unreached People**



# Unreached?



**2/3 Live In Restricted Access Countries**

# 3.5 Billion

God is using real people like you to reach them.

A photograph of three people in conversation. On the left, a woman wearing a black hijab and a black patterned top. In the center, a woman with blonde hair and glasses wearing a blue floral patterned jacket over a red top. On the right, a man with a beard wearing a tan jacket over a blue plaid shirt. They are all looking towards each other in a friendly conversation. The background is blurred, suggesting an outdoor setting with other people.

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God can use YOU to reach  
the least-reached.



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