



Sermon Notes: “Human Beings not Human Doings”

Ecclesiastes 3:1-13, Mark 6:3, Luke 10:38-42

and Ephesians 2:10

1.11.26

Teaching Point 1

Work is a burden

Student: _____

Nine to Five: _____

Small Business Owner/Farmer/Rancher: _____

Stay at home mom/Dad: _____

Chronically ill/Disabled: _____

Retired/Elderly: _____

Teaching Point 2

What seasons are you in?

Teaching Point 3

Find Balance!

So What?

Find Satisfaction!

The Bottom Line:

Our talents come from God, and we can only use them correctly if we find our identity in Christ.

For Study, Reflection, Discussion During the Week:

Life Group ICEBREAKER: *What is your favorite and least favorite job that you have had?*

1. Review the sermon notes from Sunday. Was there a particular point that stuck with you? *What* was it and *why* did it resonate with you?
- How has your view of work changed as you've aged? What did you believe about work when you were younger vs. now?
- Was there something from today's sermon that challenged your thoughts on work? What was it?

2. READ: Genesis 3:17-19

- God says hardship and frustration will accompany work since the Fall. What hardships and frustrations have you experienced in your work?
- Kevin talked about how different people experience work as a burden differently (students, nine-to-fivers, farmers, stay-at-home parents, disabled, elderly). Which category resonates most with your current season? Why?

3. READ: Ecclesiastes 3:1-8

- Solomon says there's an appropriate time and season for every activity. Which season or activity on this list stands out to you most? Why?
- Is there a season or activity listed that confuses you? Is there something you think Solomon should have included?

5. READ: Ecclesiastes 3:9-13 and Ephesians 2:10

- Both Solomon and Paul talk about using our time and talents to do good. What are some "good works" you've done that brought you satisfaction?
- What are some good works you could use your talents to accomplish in this current season of life?

Deploy: The Bottom Line: "Our talents come from God, and we can only use them correctly if we find our identity in Christ."

This week, put this bottom line into practice: *Every morning this week, before you start your work (job, school, home, whatever your "work" is), Ask yourself these two questions:*

1. *"Am I finding my identity in Christ or in my work today?"*
2. *"How can I use my God-given talents today while resting in who I am in Christ?"*

Don't Forget:

- **3 week Adult SS Class. Start next week.**
- **Love and Respect Marriage Conference:** Feb 6th and 7th here at ECC. Register on our Website.

Prayer:

Father, thank You that our worth isn't tied to our productivity.

We confess: We've built our identity on what we do rather than who we are in You. Forgive us.

Thank You that our talents come from You, and we can only use them correctly when we find our identity in Christ.

Help us find satisfaction in You, not in our work. Help us navigate the seasons of life with grace.

Give us rest. Give us joy in our work because it flows from who we are in You.

We are Yours. And that's enough.

In Jesus' name, Amen.