

HELPFUL QUESTIONS FOR WORKERS READING THE BIBLE

Passages that speak directly about work

Passages can often be found in Old Testament wisdom books (e.g. Proverbs or Ecclesiastes), Old Testament Law books (e.g. Leviticus), and New Testament letters (e.g. Colossians or Ephesians).

- What sort of parallels can you draw between the situation that was being addressed then and your situation now?
- What does the advice given have to say to you in your particular position at work?
- What does the passage teach you about how you relate to God in your work?

Biblical stories set in a workplace context

These can often be found in Old Testament narrative books (e.g. Genesis, Exodus, Kings, Chronicles, Samuel, Daniel, Nehemiah, and Ruth).

- What kind of workplace is pictured - who are the characters involved and what do they do?
- What would it be like to work there - can you identify good or bad practices, or values that line up or cut across godly ways?
- How do the story and the characters speak to your own role as a follower of Jesus at work?

Passages that speak to us as disciples whose frontline is work

Passages like this found throughout the Bible wherever there is wisdom for discipleship (try Psalms and Romans 12 as places to start)

- What aspect of being a follower of Jesus is the passage speaking to?
- How might that be relevant to your working context?
- How could it shape the way you work or treat others at work?