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WORKING FOR JESUS

Exodus 31:1-11

Then the Lord said to Moses, ²“See, I have chosen Bezalel son of Uri, the son of Hur, of the tribe of Judah, ³and I have filled him with the Spirit of God, with wisdom, with understanding, with knowledge and with all kinds of skills—⁴to make artistic designs for work in gold, silver and bronze, ⁵to cut and set stones, to work in wood, and to engage in all kinds of crafts. ⁶Moreover, I have appointed Oholiab son of Ahisamak, of the tribe of Dan, to help him. Also I have given ability to all the skilled workers to make everything I have commanded you: ⁷the tent of meeting, the ark of the covenant law with the atonement cover on it, and all the other furnishings of the tent—⁸the table and its articles, the pure gold lampstand and all its accessories, the altar of incense, ⁹the altar of burnt offering and all its utensils, the basin with its stand—¹⁰and also the woven garments, both the sacred garments for Aaron the priest and the garments for his sons when they serve as priests, ¹¹and the anointing oil and fragrant incense for the Holy Place. They are to make them just as I commanded you.”

Community Building Tip of the Month

What goals do you have as a group this year? This is a great chance to explore how you hope to grow deeper and maybe even wider. Is there someone you would like to invite to your group?

Questions for Discussion

1. We are in a series called “Knowing Your Calling”. This week we’re looking at our vocations. What jobs have you had and how did you get them?
2. The work that God gives us takes different forms, including both paid and unpaid work. It is all a gift from God to partner with him and others. What would you consider to be your primary vocation and what are your typical thoughts and attitudes surrounding your work?
3. God invites us to appreciate and evaluate his kingdom reign in our work. How does our work create opportunities for God's kingdom to come? How can we see our work through God's eyes?
4. Consider this quote from Cornelius Plantinga in *Engaging God’s World*
--"A Christian's main vocation is to become a prime citizen of the kingdom of God...A prime citizen has been redeemed far down in her spirit, way downtown in her heart, so that she deeply loves God and the things of God. She relishes God's Word. She rejoices in God her Savior...She longs not just for happiness, but for joy; not just joy, but for God; not just for God, but for the kingdom of God."
How do you long for God and his kingdom? How does that impact your work?
5. God frees us to work passionately for his approval rather than people's approval. How is success defined in your work? How would God define success for you in your work?