



Working for Our Father

Aligning Your Career with God's Mission

Overview:

“**Working for Our Father**” is designed to assist baptized Christians in integrating their work life into their Christian faith. It can be jointly presented to men and women with breakout sessions. The goal is to engage and unite men and women to serve God and others in their workplaces.

Four Key Elements Working Together:

A **personal sharing** precedes each of four presentations. It is not a teaching but a personal story that illustrates the theme of the presentation. It sets up the presentation. The story should be told in the first person, illustrate the facts, and avoid editorializing or preaching. The following presentation unpacks the truths behind the sharing. This live, personal sharing should be well prepared and no longer than five minutes.

Engaging videos are direct and to the point. They use music, dramatic visuals, and animated text to underscore a Christian perspective on work. The program emphasizes the core messages and content of the calling to be Christ to the workplace.

Personal reflections follow the videos. They last for five minutes. The participants are asked to remain seated and quietly follow the suggested exercise. During this time they should prayerfully consider what they heard while listening for the Lord to show them how it applies to them personally.

A **personal and practical application** is encouraged through a facilitated discussion group. The first question comes out of the reflection and helps encourage individuals to engage and apply the content with others. The facilitators assigned to each group are there to insure participants apply the content to their situations and listen.

The last discussion ends with participants being offered an opportunity to be prayed with for the the Holy Spirit being released more in their lives. This is done with respect to the individual and in a way they are comfortable being prayed with.

The program should end with a five-minute call to action to take advantage of our resources and form small groups to meet regularly and support one another. To learn about effective small groups go to: cicintl.org/cgroup.



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Sample Agenda: One Day Session**

00:00 AM	Gathering, Introduction and Prayer
00:10	Personal Story One
00:15	Presentation 1: Accepting God's Great Gift of Work
00:30	Personal Reflection
00:35	Discussion Group
01:00	Personal Story Two
01:05	Presentation 2: Triumphant Over Toil, Trials, and Temptations
01:20	Personal Reflection
01:25	Discussion Groups
01:55	Brief Break
02:05	Personal Story Three
02:10	Presentation 3: Aligning Your Career to God's Mission
02:25	Personal Reflection
02:30	Discussion Group
03:00	Personal Story Four
03:05	Presentation 4: Operating in the Fruit of the Spirit
03:20	Personal Reflection
03:25	Discussion Group
04:00	Christians in Commerce
04:05	Close



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Sample Four-Week, Small Group Agenda

(Note: Following is designed for hour. Sessions can be reduced to half-hour by using just the video and conducting the discussion group with one of the questions.)

Week 1:

- 00:00** **Introductions**
- 00:10** **Personal Story**
- 00:15** **Presentation 1: Accepting God's Great Gift of Work**
- 00:30** **Personal Reflection**
- 00:35** **Discussion Group**

Week 2:

- 00:00** **Review Week 1 Applied**
- 00:15** **Personal Story**
- 00:20** **Presentation 2: Triumphant Over Toil, Trials, and Temptations**
- 00:35** **Personal Reflection**
- 00:40** **Discussion Groups**

Week 3:

- 00:00** **Review Week 2 Applied**
- 00:15** **Personal Story**
- 00:20** **Presentation 3: Aligning Your Career to God's Mission**
- 00:35** **Personal Reflection**
- 00:40** **Discussion Groups**

Week 4:

- 00:00** **Review Week 3 Applied**
- 00:15** **Personal Story**
- 00:20** **Presentation 4: Operating in the Fruit of the Spirit**
- 00:35** **Personal Reflection**
- 00:40** **Discussion Groups**