

WORK LIFE - OCCUPATIONAL HAZARDS

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Introduction

God desires to be involved in every aspect of our lives, even our work life. He cares greatly about our life at work. Sometimes, however, our work becomes a hazardous environment and we lost sight of God's presence. Boredom settles into our routine, gossip recurs more and more often, relational boundaries get blurred, we find ourselves striving for more, or maybe our family life suffers from our work habits. But God is present and active in the midst of our work. As we work we have the opportunity to be guided and energized by God's Spirit.

Discussion

Spend some time discussing what activities or aspects of your work give you energy and life. Is there a particular responsibility you look forward to each day?

Read 2 Samuel 11 out loud. As a group, discuss what you think led to David's disobedience.

As a group, consider which commandments David broke. What temptations did he fall to? Do you confront similar temptations at work?

Imagine what your work life would be like if you were to live with a heightened awareness of God's involvement in all you do. What would change? What would stay the same?

Think about it

Consider this quote by John Ortberg:

"Your work is a huge part of God's plan for your life, and God intends the Spirit to fill and energize workplaces. Work that gets done in offices and elsewhere—building up people, creating teams, managing the resources of creation—desperately requires the guidance and energy of the Spirit."

When you work, what keeps you from being guided and energized by God's Spirit?

Do something

Intentionally pray for your work life this week. While at work, continually ask God to be involved in what you are doing. Do this with a friend or spouse and at the end of the week discuss what you learned.

Are you working in a spiritually hazardous environment or have you allowed hazardous behaviors to influence your work? Spend 30 minutes in silence before God and ask him for guidance, then consider what your next steps will be.

Memorize a verse that energizes and encourages you, and recall this verse often while at work.