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PRAYER

Lord Jesus, grant us your dreams for how you might want to use us for your glory! We are indeed your workmanship, created for good works, so show us where you are creating us to function that we may find fulfilment in you and your kingdom's purposes. In Jesus' name, Amen.

WARM UP (OPTIONAL)

What is your dream job? If you are not doing your dream job right now, why do you think you are not doing it yet? If you are already in your dream occupation, tell us about your journey towards walking in your job.

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¹ Thus the heavens and the earth were completed in all their vast array.

² By the seventh day God had finished the work he had been doing; so on the seventh day he rested from all his work. ³ Then God blessed the seventh day and made it holy, because on it he rested from all the work of creating that he had done.

[GENESIS 2:1-3](#)

¹⁵ The Lord God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and take care of it.

[GENESIS 2:15](#)

One of the often missed factors that make for a resilient disciple in Christ is Vocational Discipleship. Vocation differs from occupation in the sense that an occupation is something that occupies your time and effort in order to gain return, whereas vocation is linked to your calling from God. Your occupation may be a health professional, for instance, but your vocation is to be a vessel used to bring healing and health.

God grants Adam the opportunity to work the garden. In Genesis 2:15, God:

1. Takes the man (God has a hold of him);
2. Puts him in the Garden of Eden (God places him where he sees fit. See also 1 Corinthians 12:18);
3. Gives him a job (Gardening and tending is his occupation); and
4. Gives him responsibility to care (Caring and stewardship is his vocation).

God does the same for all of us where he takes a hold of us, places us where he sees fit, gives us a task, and grants us responsibility and stewardship over our resources and our sphere of influence.

GUIDE QUESTIONS

(NUMBERED ACCORDING TO LEVEL OF DEPTH AND READINESS TO SHARE)

1. On a scale from 1 to 10 (1 = complete hatred, 10 = absolute heaven-on-earth), how would you rate your job or your school? Why do you rate it this way?
2. How can Christians be more prepared to represent God well in their place of work or school? How might you apply this?
3. If you were to describe your vision statement for the vocation that God has given you, what would it be? Are you fulfilling this vision? Are you on your way? Why or why not?
4. Do you have a mentor in your life that you interact with regularly? If so, tell us whether they have confronted you on any issue or shortcoming there might be in your vocation. Were you offended by the feedback?
5. How can you help mentor others to grow in figuring out their vocation and using it for the Lord Jesus?

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