



# ORIGINS

## Genesis 1-11

### **Discussion Guide:** **Humanity- Made to Work & Rest**

**Passage:** Genesis 2:1-3, 15

**Summary:** Although it sometimes feels like it, work is not a result of living in a sinful, broken world. Because we were made in God's image, we were made to work. For six days, God worked and then on the seventh, He rested. How do we do the work God has given us as His image here on earth? And at the same time, how do we rest, resisting the need to let our work define and consume us?

### **Discussion Questions**

1. What does your "work" look like right now in your life? (Whether paid or unpaid) It's okay to say "I'm not sure" if you're still figuring that out.
2. Do you err more towards seeing your work as a necessary evil to do and escape on the weekends? Or towards finding your identity in your work and struggling to ever rest?
3. If work has dignity and is good, how might you "resemble and represent" God in your work as His image?
4. What are ways you see the curse of sin and death showing up in your work? How is your work sometimes "fruitless"? How can it become "workism"? How can it be hurtful?
5. Because of Christ, your labor is not in vain. How can you "plant gardens" in your work today, creating glimpses of Eden wherever God has put you?

*At the end, take some time to pray for one another in smaller groups.*