

On The Job

Discussion Questions

1. When you were young, what did you want to be when you grow up? What are your career aspirations now?
2. Almost everyone needs to have a job. Name as many as you can think of in 60 seconds.
3. Look at the list of jobs you just created, put them in the order you think they are of importance to the community/society.
What factors are you considering making the list?
4. We are many parts to one body (Romans 12: 4-5). How does that relate to work?
 - *Example: Is the paramedic who revived someone at the scene more important than the mechanic who keeps the ambulance that got them to the scene operational? What about the person who took the 911 call and told them what happened and where to go? The doctor who did the life-saving surgery at the hospital? The custodial worker who keeps the operating room clean to prevent deadly infection? Pick a few of the jobs you came up with. Do any of them relate in the same way as the example here?*
5. In the message, Joe referred to himself as a “professional pooper-scooper.” While that may not sound like the most glamorous job to have, can you imagine what it might be like if that job didn’t exist? Pick a few of the jobs you came up with. Discuss what the world might look like without people doing that work.
6. God has a plan for us, and that includes our professional lives. Identifying the individual and personal gifts God gave to each one of us can help us to follow that plan (Romans 12:6-8). What gifts has God given to you? How do you think those gifts will help you in your job?

Practical Discussion/Exercises

1. Do you have a job now? Are you looking for one? How would you go about finding jobs to apply for?
(Personal interest, friends who work same/similar place aka “networking”)
2. Resume writing - how to do it with no official work experience; babysitting, school/community awards and achievements, clubs/sports with leadership roles, volunteer work, etc
<https://resumegenius.com/blog/resume-help/resume-examples-for-teens>
3. Interviewing - dress professionally; make eye contact; find out as much as you can about the company ahead of time, bring up what you learned.
<https://www.indeed.com/career-advice/interviewing/interview-questions-for-student>
4. On the job - read everything they ask you to sign. Learn policies and procedures, pay attention in training. Treat coworkers with respect, pitch in to help others if needed. Know your employee rights - there are laws related to employment, and companies are required to post them for all employees to see. Find them. Read them. Careful with social media and talking about work.
5. Leaving a job - provide at least 2 weeks notice, verbally and in writing. Thank for opportunity and experience you got from working there. Careful again with social media even after working, you may find yourself in a position where you want to come back.