

**Series:** EVERYDAY LIVE—FINDING THE SPARK

9/12/2021

**Message:** Finding Purpose

**Text:** John 1:35-51

## DIGGING DEEPER GUIDE

### BIG IDEA: YOUR WORK IS A MINISTRY

#### Getting Started

In high school, who were two of your best friends? What was one quality about them that stands out to you?

6. "My work is my ministry." How can you be an agent for Christ in what you do every day?
7. What are the prayer requests on your mind and heart today?

#### Reflection/Discussion Questions

1. Why do you think God gave Adam and Eve work to do in the Garden of Eden?
2. Paul reminds the early Christians to "*work willingly at whatever you do, as working for the Lord.*" When is this easy or challenging?
3. What do you find most fulfilling about the work that you do now?
4. Where could you use a little bit of "spark" in your everyday life? What feels monotonous or routine in your life right now? Why?
5. "My work doesn't define my worth." What is the bigger purpose behind what you do?

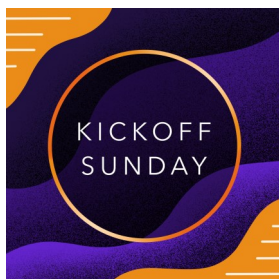
**Prayer:** Lord God, thank you for the work that you called Adam and Eve to do so long ago and the work you still call us to do today. Help us to remember that you are our ultimate "boss" and the work that we do matters. Help us to find our worth in You and not to depend only on outward success. We are so grateful for all that you do through us. In the name of Christ, we pray. Amen.

**Going Deeper:** Read Colossians 3:1-17. The section is entitled "Rules for Holy Living." How does "setting your mind on things above" (v.2) relate to the behaviors described in vs.12-17? How can we do everything in the name in the Lord Jesus? (v.17)

### FOCUS SCRIPTURES:

"Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for men, since you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward. It is the Lord Christ you are serving."  
Colossians 3:23

"It's in Christ that we find out who we are and what we are living for. Long before we first heard of Christ and got our hopes up, he had his eye on us...part of the overall purpose he is working out in everything and everyone."  
Ephesians 1:11-12



## MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR A FUN-FILLED KICKOFF SUNDAY ON SEPTEMBER 19!

We will have cider and donuts between services, balloons and festivities for the kids, and other activities throughout the building all morning long. Kids and youth programs that are being offered at 9:30am this year will also begin. Bring a friend and enjoy this special Sunday with us!

### PIZZA WITH THE PASTOR

If you are newer to Redeemer, we would love to have you join us at Pizza with the Pastors Sunday, September 26 at noon. This is a time for you and your family to meet with Pastor Debbie, Pastor Rod, and others who are new to Redeemer Church for casual conversation over lunch. There is no cost to attend—simply RSVP to Wendy Elliott at [wendy@dewittredeemer.org](mailto:wendy@dewittredeemer.org) to reserve your spot.

### NEXT STEP—A NEW POST-HIGH SCHOOL MINISTRY



We're excited for Redeemer to reach out to our 2021 high school graduates through the new Next Step Ministry. Through prayer, mailings, and pen pal relationships, our congregation will have the opportunity to connect with our high school grads, reminding them of God's love for them and that their church family is also here to pray for them and provide support and encouragement as

they take the "Next Step" in their journey. If you would like to be a part of this ministry, please contact Elizabeth Bethard at [bethardce@yahoo.com](mailto:bethardce@yahoo.com).

### MIDDLE SCHOOL MINISTRY (MSM) YOUTH GROUP BEGINS FOR FALL—THIS TUESDAY!!

Youth Group is a fun night to gather with friends and explore our faith through fun games, activities, and Bible lessons. MSM Youth Group will begin weekly on Tuesdays as of Sept. 14. All 6-8<sup>th</sup> graders are invited to join us in the Student Center from 6-7:30. Questions, please contact Karen at [karen@dewittredeemer.org](mailto:karen@dewittredeemer.org).

### MOPS & MOMS NEXT—(MOM'S OF PRESCHOOLERS)

Motherhood is hard, but it doesn't have to be lonely! Join us at MOPS & MOMSnext for friendship, community, support, and growth at Redeemer Church in the Children's Wing. Our first meeting for the fall will be Thursday, September 16, from 6:30-8:30pm. Find out more: Facebook/Instagram @dewittmops; email questions to [dewittmops@gmail.com](mailto:dewittmops@gmail.com). You can register at <http://www.mops.org/join> (group code BP65).

### HURRICANE IDA RELIEF EFFORT THROUGH UMCOR - \*(United Methodist Committee on Relief)

We've seen the pictures of damage from Hurricane Ida and how thousands of people's homes and livelihoods have been affected by the storm. UMCOR\* was on the ground immediately after the hurricane hit and will stay there for the foreseeable future. If you would like to help the relief efforts financially, please make a check out to Redeemer UMC, noting on the check or envelope "Disaster Relief". You can also make a gift online under "Give Now" at [www.myredeemer.church](http://www.myredeemer.church) or the free DeWitt Redeemer Church mobile app. 100% of these gifts will be forwarded immediately to UMCOR. By giving through The Advance - # 901670, UMCOR forwards 100% of your gift to US Disaster Response and Recovery.

## DEWITT CAMPUS WEEKLY EVENTS

### Sunday • September 12

- Worship Services  
8:15, 9:30, & 11:00am
- Adult Bible Study—9:30am  
in the Conference Room
- Nursery at 9:30 & 11am
- Tech Meeting at Noon

### Monday • September 13

### Tuesday • September 14

- Food Pantry  
10am-2pm & 5:30-7pm
- MSM Youth Group—6-7:30pm

### Wednesday • September 15

- Praise Team Practice

### Thursday • September 16

- MOPS & MOMS Next  
6:30-8:30
- Trustee Meeting 7pm

### Friday & Saturday

- Building Closed

### Sunday • September 19

- Worship Services  
8:15, 9:30, & 11:00am
- Adult Bible Study—9:30am  
in the Conference Room  
Nursery at 9:30 & 11am

### Membership Class Dates

- October 6, 13, & 20  
More info. in coming weeks.



For upcoming Outreach events that you can participate in—check out #bethelchurch under Outreach at [myredeemer.org](http://myredeemer.org) or under SIGN-UPS on our NEW App.