
WORK (OR SCHOOL) & FAITH

Summary

Opening Prayer

Introduction, emphasizing the amount of time young adults spend in school or working, the importance of and pressures associated with work or school, and/or a theological reflection on knowledge and work based on chapters 2-3 of Genesis.

Questions for Tables (select up to six—the first two questions and four of the others—for small group discussion):

- How would you describe your schoolmates' or colleagues' attitudes toward Christianity (or conversations about it)?
- How do you incorporate your faith into your work/study?
- What place does work/school have in your overall life priorities?
- What do you like most about your work/studies?
- What do you like least about your work/studies?
- If you could create your dream job, what would it be?
- If money were not an issue, what work would you do?
- What pressures do you experience related to work/school?
- Most people today have 7-8 different jobs between the ages of 18 and 30 years old. What are some of the different jobs you've held, and what have you gained from those experiences?
- These days, there seems to be less stability or security in most types of work. How have you dealt with that?

Concluding remarks, summarizing table discussions and conveying an Orthodox Christian understanding of vocation² and that our main work as people of faith is to believe in Jesus Christ.³ The facilitator should invite the group to generate other questions, based on his/her presentation and building on the other questions.

Closing Prayer

Evaluation

² See *Christ at Work*, published by Holy Cross Press.

³ John 6.29
