



Icebreaker:

What is one activity you like to do outside?

Announcements:

Invite a friend to join you for our series "Grit."

Prayer Time:

Pray for our building project as the east wing comes down in the next few days.

Study Questions:

Read 1 Corinthians 15:9–10 and Ephesians 1:15–17. What two disciplines do you see demonstrated by Paul?

Talk about someone you know who is a gritty in prayer... someone who is gritty in their work. What happens when either one of these is missing? What happens when we are not careful to build both disciplines into our life?

What do the following verses say about purpose: Isaiah 46:10; Proverbs 19:21; Colossians 1:16; Ephesians 2:8–10; Ecclesiastes 12:13–14; 1 Peter 2:8–9. Why is knowing our purpose so important? What happens when we don't have any transcendent purpose to guide our lives?

What role does worship, spiritual growth, community, and outreach play in our lives? What fills the void if we are not Christ centered and other focused? How does purpose fuel our grit? How can a lack of purpose be demotivating and discouraging?

Do people mostly look at their work as a job, a career or a calling? How does seeing our work as a calling radically alter our perspective, shape our attitudes, inform our actions and increase our grit? What are your thoughts on the bricklayers parable?

What do the following verses say about the importance of our work and where we should keep our focus– Colossians 3:17;23–24; 1 Corinthians 10:31; 1 Peter 4:7–11.

How can seeing our work and our life, not as random happenings, but, as something orchestrated by God and intended to advance good and change lives, radically shift our perspective on work? How can this make us more gritty? How do we handle setbacks and discouragement in our lives differently? What motivated Jesus to stay on mission and remain gritty when he faced huge challenges– see Heb. 12:2–3?

Conversational Prayer: Dear God help me...