

## **Spirit-filled Work Small Group Guide**

**Warm-up Question:** (Choose one, make up your own, or skip this part all together, depending upon the nature of your group.)

1. If you were required to do a job that is completely different than what you are doing now (or have done in the past), and if money was not a factor, what is a job that interests you?
2. Do you get bored easily? Explain.

**Read the following passage:** Exodus 31:1-11.

God gave Moses the incredible promise that he (that is, God) would dwell with the Israelites in a sacred tent called the tabernacle. In order for this promise to come to fruition, somebody had to do some work. God called a man named Bezalel to oversee the construction of the tabernacle and everything needed for its operation. God filled Bezalel with the Spirit of God and gave Bezalel wisdom, understanding, knowledge, and skill. Bezalel, like Joseph before him and Daniel after him, was anointed by God to play a vital role that was just as “spiritual” as the roles played by prophets or priests. In fact, Bezalel’s work as an artist and craftsman was a reflection of the work God himself performed in creation. We, too, are called to work, and when we work, we are expressing the reality that we are made in the image and likeness of God.

**Questions for Discussion** (Choose several that are relevant for your group):

1. Do you enjoy working? In what sense is it proper for us to find meaning through our work? How do we know when our work is becoming an idol in our lives?
2. Do you separate your work life and “spiritual” life? Explain.
3. Read Luke 7:2-10. Explain how the centurion applied what he learned from his work to his interaction with Jesus. What are some lessons you can learn about God and his kingdom through your work?
4. God filled Bezalel with the Holy Spirit so he could perform his duties well. How would you like to see the Holy Spirit empower you to be more effective in your work?
5. Daniel lived his entire adult life as an exile in Babylon. In the middle of his impossible circumstances he committed himself to living an undefiled life before God. In response to Daniel’s commitment, God gave to Daniel “knowledge and understanding of all kinds of literature and learning” (Daniel 1:17). Are you committed to honoring God with your work? If so, what does that practically look

like for you? How can you be a testimony of God's grace and power in your work?

6. Do you have any partnerships that are helping you grow in your work life? Explain.
7. What is one way you can more effectively honor God with your work? What is one way you would like to see God help you with your work?

**Pray**