

Read Colossians 3:23-24:

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

What does this say about our daily lives and our regular activities and responsibilities?

Recap: our 'frontlines', are the place/situation where we spend the most time with people who aren't already Christians. Describe the main 2 or 3 tasks/activities you have to do on your 'frontline' in an average week ...

Watch: this week's video – approx. 9mins.

In the video we heard how Keith the decorator came to view his work in a completely different light. No longer was it just about earning money for himself, or even for the church, but rather a way of serving God by serving other people.

- ⇒ How does his story help you to see the significant of what you do on your frontline?

- ⇒ Think about ways that your work serves others both directly and indirectly.

Read Genesis 1.

What things particularly strike you about this passage? What do you think of the main points that the writer is trying to get across?

God reviewed his work and said that “it was good”. How do we see God working in creation to do the five things mentioned in the video?

- Bringing order
- Bringing joy
- Releasing potential
- Making provision
- Bringing beauty

Which of these do you most easily see in your tasks?

Having made such an impressive world what is the responsibility that God gives to human beings (see particularly 1:27-28 and 2:15)? To what extent are you surprised by the responsibility God gives to us?

How might seeing your work as part of God's bigger plans for the world affect the way that you go about your tasks on your frontline?

Praying Forwards

- It's often easy to turn to God in times of crisis, but how might we develop a rhythm of prayer that invites God to work with us in our day-to-day tasks so that we are always working in his strength?
- Pray for an increased sense that God is with you on your frontline. Pray for eyes to see how your everyday tasks matter and play a part in God's big plans for the world.