

Colossians 3:22-24

# Kingdom Come: Cultivating the Garden

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## **KINGDOM COME: CULTIVATING THE GARDEN – October 2023**

The Gospel assures us that God cares about everything. When He created us He placed us in a garden to take care and cultivate that garden. God is a creator and cultivator. He created us to do the same - to be more than just consumers but producers, more than just takers but givers, a people who would bring life not death.

This directly impacts the products we make, the companies we work for, the places we volunteer and the people we serve. All our work is critical and the way God cares for human beings and renews His world. The Gospel declares the why and how we work can bring a source of strength, perseverance and hope to our world.

**Read Genesis 2:15, Colossians 3:22-25, Ephesians 6:5-9**

1. God created us to be Cultivators, do you feel you are doing or have done this in your life? Why or why not?
2. Does the fact that Genesis presents God as a worker (in the normal sense of our everyday work), make you feel differently about your daily work?

3. Why does our society value some types of work over others? Do you see this in the way employees are treated at work?
  
4. What are some ways in how we work or volunteer can be ordained by God?
  
5. How can we be better cultivators, producers, and creators in the space that God has placed us?
  
6. The story that Pastor Riddle shared "*Leaf by Niggle*" resonate with you? How so?

