



July 19, 2026 | 60 Days of Enjoying God and the Life He's Giving You

LEADERSHIP ESSENTIAL

This is the final week of summer Circles – thank you for leading well this season! As you wrap up your final Circle this week, take a few minutes to cast vision for what's next. Our fall semester kicks off on August 16. Between now and then, if your Circle chooses to keep gathering, be Spirit-led – we won't be providing a guide during the break, but don't let that stop you from staying connected. Enjoy the rest, tend your garden, and come back ready for everything God has for your Circle this fall.

PRO TIP

At the end of Circle, take a minute to walk through the resources section together. If someone resonated with the sabbath conversation, point them toward that resource. If someone is thinking about how to carry Jesus into their everyday life, Hope Carrier 101 might be their next step. You don't have to prescribe anything – just make people aware of what's available and help them take next steps.

CIRCLE GUIDE & BEHIND THE CIRCLE GUIDE **DISCUSS & ENGAGE THE SCRIPTURES**

 *In your attendance notes, share one insight from your discussion and any themes or trends you noticed as you discussed God's perspective on work and looking to Him in it.*

 *This conversation has the potential to stay very surface level – job titles, career frustrations, practical stuff. As you partner with the Holy Spirit, keep drawing out the deeper question underneath all of it: Are you enjoying God in the middle of your work? That's where the heart of conversation will be!*

Access our [Bible App event](#) with Scriptures and message notes from the weekend.

1. Read Genesis 2:15. The definition of work is, "Living out your created purpose by bringing the garden God has given you to a kingdom standard as a part of God's mission."

How does this definition change the way you see what you do every day?

2. Read Ephesians 2:10. Your garden is the life God is giving you – the people, the responsibilities, and the season you're in. Take a moment to reflect on what your garden looks like right now. Where is it thriving and what needs your attention?
3. Read Psalms 37:4. When we look to God, we enjoy our work. We can look to God in the midst of our work through:
 - Growth (Romans 8:28)
 - Creativity (Genesis 1:28)
 - Rest (Exodus 31:15)

Which of these ways resonated with you the most and why?

4. Read Matthew 5:14-16. If your work – all of it – is part of God's mission, what's one next step you can take this week to enjoy God and the work He's giving you?

PRAY

May we enjoy God and the work He's giving us.

RESOURCES

Check out the resources available to help you keep taking next steps as you enjoy God and the work He's giving you.

- Register for our [Life As A Disciple Class: Hope Carrier 101](#) to keep finding ways to carry the life of Jesus wherever you go.
- Watch the message *Created to Create* [on ValleyCreek+](#).
- Ready to build a rhythm of sabbath rest? Find resources to help you get started at valleycreek.org/adifferentway.

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