



Community Group Sermon Discussion

Read 2 Thessalonians 3:6-15 and recap the sermon.

1. What stood out to you from the Scripture or sermon? What stood out to you? What comforted you? What convicted you?
2. In the sermon, we defined being idle as “someone who walks through life in an undisciplined or irresponsible way”. How do you see idleness show up in your relationship to your work? What are some ways you are specifically tempted to be idle?
3. Re-read 2 Thessalonians 3:11. When we “walk in idleness” this leads to us giving our excess energy to things it should not go to, which is harmful both to us and to the Church. What are some ways you are tempted to be a busybody? What do you give your excess energy towards when you are not working properly?
4. Read this quote from James K.A. Smith from the sermon:

“If you keep walking around the phenomenon of ambition, you’ll start to note a couple of features. First, the opposite of ambition is not humility; it is sloth, passivity, timidity, and complacency. We sometimes like to comfort ourselves by imagining that the ambitious are prideful and arrogant so that those of us who never risk, never aspire, never launch out into the deep get to wear the moralizing mantle of humility. But this imagining is often just thin cover for a lack of courage, even laziness. Playing it safe isn’t humble.

How is this quote helpful for your view of ambition? How do you need to redeem gospel ambition in your life and in your work?
5. Pray for our church - that we would push back against working to live and the temptation to be busybodies and idle. Pray that we would work hard for the glory of God in the responsibilities He has given us.