

# PRACTICALLY SPEAKING

BIBLICAL WISDOM  
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Work - Consider the Ant and Be Wise

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Questions for Study and Group Discussion

*\*\* Before you begin, please read Proverbs 6:6-11*

*Additional references: Genesis 1:1–2, 28; 2:1–2, 7, 15; 3:17–19; Philippians 2:3–4; Colossians 3:23–24*

## Icebreaker

- What was your first job? What was your worst job?

## Understanding Work

- How would you define “work”?
- Read the definitions below. What stands out to you? What is helpful or challenging?
  - *“Work is the gracious expression of creative energy in the service of others.”* — Dorothy Sayers
  - *“Work is rearranging the raw material of God’s creation in such a way that helps the world thrive and flourish.”* — Tim Keller
- How do these definitions align with what we see in Genesis 1–3?

## Wisdom from Proverbs

- Read Proverbs 6:6–11.
- What can we learn from the ant about wisdom and work?
- For further reflection on the “sluggard,” see: Proverbs 6:6, 9; 15:19; 19:24; 21:25; 22:13; 24:30; 26:13–16
  - What patterns or characteristics stand out?

## Personal Reflection

- When have you overcome “sluggard-like” tendencies in your life? What helped?
- Where are you currently tempted toward “sluggard-like” behavior?
- Sometimes passages like this can push us toward an extreme, finding our identity in what we do and workaholism.
  - Where do you tend to drift?
  - How does Scripture help correct that?
- How can we pursue a healthy, God-honoring view of work without finding our identity in it?