Second Ignite@Work gathering agenda

7-7:10	Coffee & Networking
7:10-7:12	Welcome (Mousa) – slides 2-4
7:12-7:14	Brightwater Angels/FDI (Alex Hunter) – slide 5
7:14-7:27	God's Plan & Design for work (Dave) – slides 5-15
7:27-7:42	Serving God in Education (Kelly) – slide 16
7:42-7:57	Table Discussion Time & next gathering (Grace) – slide 17-19
7:57-8:00	Prayer for an Industry (Rachel) – slide 20


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Opportunities to plug into Indy's Faith & Work Community



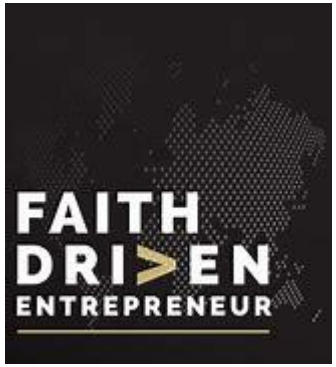


FAITH DRIVEN INVESTOR













Brightwater Community Event Invitation

Hey friends!

I am excited to invite you to the first annual **Brightwater Community Event**, a gathering featuring high-caliber founders and thought leaders in the faith-driven movement. We are thrilled to have Brent Beshore (Permanent Equity) as one of our keynote speakers sharing his journey of getting into the redemptive private equity world. In addition, we will be showcasing many local organizations and opportunities to get plugged into Indy's redemptive ecosystem.

Brightwater exists to make Indianapolis the central hub for redemptive, faith-driven entrepreneurship and investment. Join us on March 5th to hear from and connect with an incredible mix of founders, investors, and thought leaders using their talents and businesses for Kingdom purposes.

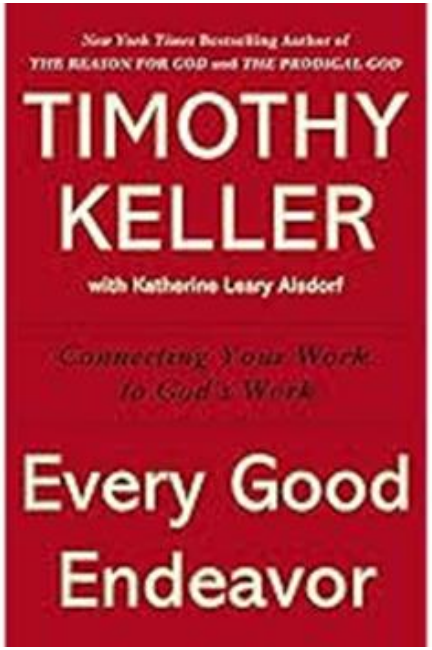
Whether you're an entrepreneur, investor, or just curious about how faith and innovation can work together, this event is for you. It’s a space to share stories, swap ideas, and be inspired by others passionate about creating lasting impact in their communities and beyond.

Details

- **When**: Wednesday, March 5th from 2:00pm-4:30pm with an optional social hour to follow
- **Where**: Mercy Road Carmel (2381 Pointe Parkway, Carmel, IN 46032)

God's Plan & Design for Work

Month	Topic	Optional Reading
January:	God's view of work vs the World's	
February:	Design & Dignity of Work	(1&2)
March:	Work as Cultivation & Service	(3&4)
April:	Work can be Fruitless & Pointless	(5&6)
May:	Idol or Idle in our work?	(7&8)
June:	New Story & Conception	(9&10)
July:	New Compass and Power	(11&12)





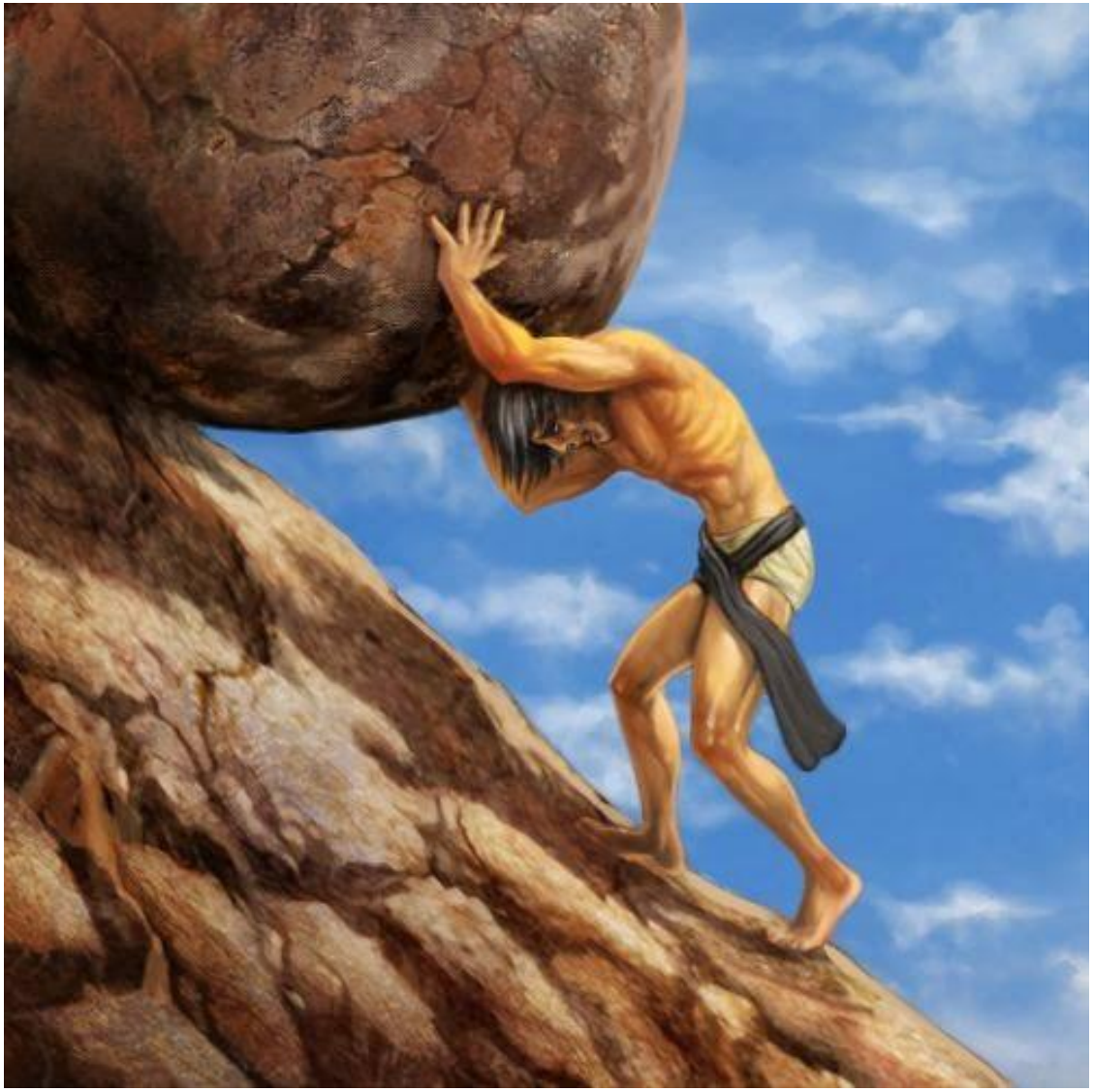
“ And God saw everything that he had made, and behold, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day. Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all the host of them. And on the seventh day God finished his work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all his work that he had done. So God blessed the seventh day and made it holy, because on it God rested from all his work that he had done in creation.”

-Genesis 1:31-2:2

"Biblical narratives overflow with work. Between the opening lines of Genesis, which portray God as a worker, and the closing chapter of Revelation, with a vision of new creation, God labors. One of the distinguishing characteristics of biblical faith is that God does not sit enthroned in heaven removed from work, willing things into existence by divine fiat. Unlike the gods of the Greco-Roman mythologies, who absolve themselves of work–[or make work a punishment for troublesome persons, e.g. Sisyphus]–dining on nectar and ambrosia in heavenly rest and contemplation–the Biblical God works."

-David Jennsen

David Jensen, Responsive Labor. A Theology of Work, (Louisville: Westminster/J. Knox, 2006), p. 3.



“cursed is the ground because of
you; in pain you shall eat
of it all the days of your life;
thorns and thistles it shall bring
forth for you; and you shall
eat the plants of the field.
By the sweat of your face
you shall eat bread,
till you return to the ground,
for out of it you were taken;
for you are dust, and to dust you
shall return.”

-Gen 3

We see God's work continued throughout the scriptures

For thus says the LORD,
who **created the heavens**
(he is God!),
who **formed the earth** and made it
(he established it;
he did not create it empty,
he formed it to be inhabited!):
"I am the LORD, and there is no other.
-Isa 45:18

"For **by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible**, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all **things were created through him and for him.** And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together."
- Col 1:16-17

"He set the earth on its foundations…covered it with the deep as with a garment…you **cause the grass to grow** for the livestock and **plants for man to cultivate**…he made the moon to mark the seasons…you make darkness, and it is night" -Ps 104

The invitation into work



26 Then God said, “Let us make man in our **image**, after our **likeness**. And let them
have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and
over the livestock and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that
creeps on the earth.”

27 So God created man in his own image,
in the image of God he created him;
male and female he created them.

28 And God blessed them. And God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply and fill
the earth and subdue it, and have **dominion** over the fish of the sea and over the
birds of the heavens and over every living thing that moves on the earth.” **29** And
God said, “Behold, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is on the face
of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit. You shall have them for
food. **30** And to every beast of the earth and to every bird of the heavens and to
everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have
given every green plant for food.” And it was so. **31** And God saw everything that
he had made, and behold, it was very good. And there was evening and there
was morning, the sixth day.

-Gen 1:26-31

Three things about the work God gave to Adam & Eve

- Work as a means of our spiritual growth
- Work is meant to be communal
- Unfolds the potential of creation

-Paul Stevens, Work Matters

The invitation into work



"The LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to **work it** and **keep it**. **16** And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, "You may surely eat of every tree of the garden, **17** but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die." -Gen 2:15-17

The value of work



- Salary
- Position
- Title
- Prestige



“What is the Christian understanding of work?...[It] is that work is not, primarily a thing one does to live, but the thing one lives to do. It is, or it should be, the full expression of the worker's faculties...the medium in which he offers himself to God.”

-DOROTHY SAYERS

Work in Ecclesiastes



"Vanity of vanities, says the Preacher, vanity of vanities! All is vanity. What does man gain by all the toil at which he toils under the sun? 1:2&3

"Workism"

I said in my heart, "Come now, I will test you with pleasure; enjoy yourself." But behold, this also was vanity." 2:1

Working for pleasure

"also that everyone should eat and drink and take pleasure in all his toil—this is God's gift to man" 3:13

Work as God has created it

Serving Christ in Education

Round Table Discussion



Pick a leader at your table and discuss the questions for the next 15 minutes

Round Table Discussion Questions



- **What is a key point that stood out to you as Kelly talked about her work - that can be applied in how you view your work?**

- **What is the difference between a "job" and a "calling" or "vocation? What do you refer to your work as, and why?**

- **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? why?**

- **Outside of the purpose of income. Why is work Important?** *Character development, Meet a need in community/society, Sense of purpose, Skill Development, Self-Esteem Boost, etc*

- **Have you received encouragement from your church to view your daily work as a calling? Please share.**

Our Next Gathering

- **Read chapters 3 & 4 in Every Good Endeavor**
- **Our speaker will be Bill Moore**



Prayer for our Work

