April Ignite@Work gathering agenda

	Bring Food/Coffee	*Grace*
7-7:08	Coffee & Networking	
7:08-7:12	Welcome & intro at tables	Grace
7:12-7:13	FDE	Grace
7:13-7:22	Work can be Fruitless & Pointless	Dave
7:22-7:40	Table Discussion Time	Dave
7:40-7:57	Q&A Panel	I@W Team
7:57-8:00	Prayer for Technology Workers	Rachel


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Agenda

1. Half Day Conference coming
2. Work becomes fruitless and pointless
3. Q&A Panel

Mission of this ministry…

Igniting a passion to follow Jesus…AT WORK

Focus of the ministry:

- **Pre-eminence of Jesus** in our work
- **Authority of the Word** to inform our theology of work
- God using us as **Redemptive Community** in His work
- **Biblical Unity in Diversity** of vocations and gender/ethic experiences
- How we can show others **Extravagant Grace** through our work
- **The Call to Go** to our workplace as salt and light

Opportunities to plug into Indy's Faith & Work Community





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Faith Driven Entrepreneur

Annual Conference

SAVE THE DATE: SEPTEMBER 19, 2025

The annual gathering for Faith Driven Entrepreneurs, online and in person.

Did you miss the 2024 Faith Driven Entrepreneur Conference? Not to worry!

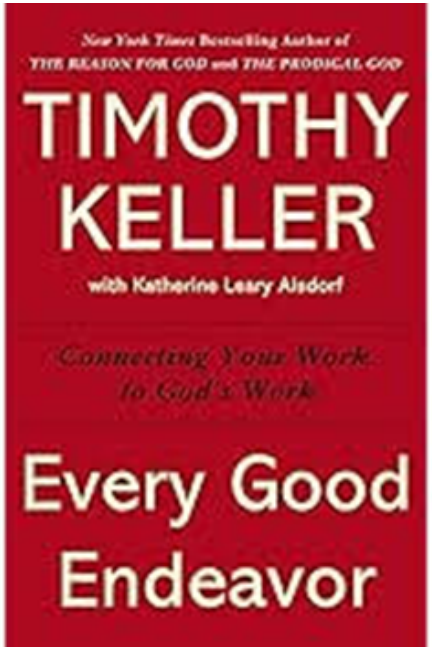
Our Annual Gathering of Faith Driven Entrepreneurs, online and in person, took place at close to 300 locations around the world on September 20th, 2024. Purchase a recording below, and stay tuned for details about Faith Driven Entrepreneur Conference 2025.

September 19th 8:30-1:00 at College Park

Details to come!!

Work as Cultivation and Service

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)





Work is not a curse - but it is cursed



GOD'S BIG STORY

Working in a Romans 8 Reality

For the creation was subjected to **frustration** 8:20

whole creation has been **groaning** as in the pains of childbirth 8:22



creation itself will be **liberated** from its bondage to decay and **brought into the freedom and glory of the children of God.** 8:21

“Part of the curse of work in a fallen world is its frequent fruitlessness”

Did everything right but did not get the results

Hope to “change the world” (or at least impact the company)….but

Working far too hard to make this happen

Sources of Fruitlessness









Cynicism
Bitterness
Give up



Humility
Who serving
Working in me

Remember "Leaf by Niggle" – "our deeper aspirations for work will come to fruition in God's future"



Work Wisdom from 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

“Pointless”

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



See, I will create new heavens and a new earth....[My people] will build houses and dwell in them; they will plant vineyards and eat their fruit. No longer will they build houses and others live in them, or plant and others eat. For as the days of a tree, so will be the days of my people; **my chosen ones will long enjoy the work of their hands. They will not labor in vain.** (Isaiah 65:17, 21-23)

Round Table Discussion



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

Round Table Discussion Questions

1. Where do you see the impacts of the Fall in your work experience? In what ways have you experienced thorns and thistles? How is our dependence on God a precondition for an unshakeable, purposeful life?
2. How do you hold the tension between God's plan for work and the problems of work in a broken world? Where do you find hope in Keller's statement: "You should expect to be regularly frustrated in your work even though you may be in exactly the right vocation." ?
3. How did you choose your profession? How does your profession relate to your identity? How does knowing that all jobs have dignity and value impact your decision?
4. How can you use your work to serve your community and love your neighbors? How does the gospel help you toil for the joy of serving others?
5. Discuss questions at your table for the Ignite@Work Q&A panel!

Question and Answer Panel



Our Next Gathering





- Read chapters 7&8 in Every Good Endeavor
- Come hear Mark Ferrara talk about Christian leadership

Prayer for our Work



We want your feedback!

