

# **FAITH** **UNDER** **CONSTRUCTION**

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STUDY GUIDE WITH  
DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

## EPISODE 5:

### Marketplace Ministry: Calling or Career?

*Rebekah Sharpe, minister, motivational speaker and the global chair of the Ford Interfaith Network, joins Rasool Berry and Christin Thorpe as they discuss the importance of integrating faith, work, and vocation.*

1. “God has called us to work but he’s also called us to rest.” –Christin Thorpe  
Read Genesis 2:1-2. What does God’s choosing to rest after finishing His work reveal about His character—and what might that teach us about our own limits?
2. “Oftentimes people think of their faith and their walk with God as separate from the work that they do.” –Rasool Berry  
What would change if you saw your daily work as part of your walk with God rather than separate from it?
3. Read Matthew 28:16-20 where Jesus introduces the Great Commission to his disciples. In this text, where does Jesus say this mission should happen; and what does that imply about everyday spaces like work, school, or home? What would it look like to live on mission in your normal routines, not just in church settings?
4. “I think it’s a beautiful thing when we recognize that the call to ministry is multi-faceted and that it’s not a monolith.” –Rebekah Sharpe  
Have you ever felt like your role in the church or ministry wasn’t significant enough? Why or why not? How does this conversation and Scriptures like Matthew 5:16 encourage you to know that your light shines bright no matter what role you carry?
5. Read Colossians 3:23-24. Why do you think God instructs us to work in this way? How can you do your work as “working for the Lord”?
6. Berry mentions that we can honor God in our work, but we should also consider honoring him with our rest as well. Read Exodus 20:8-11. What does this passage reveal about how seriously God takes rest? What is one concrete way you will protect space for rest in your week—and treat it as worship, not just downtime?
7. “We’ll spend so much time studying and preparing, but it’s like, Did you pray? Did you allow the Holy Spirit to inform this decision or the next direction?” –Christin Thorpe  
How often do you take time to pray during the busyness of life? How might you incorporate more prayer into your daily life?
8. Sharpe speaks about what it looks like to reframe your identity from a spiritual standpoint: “Live in the revelation of what God has said, not what man has designed, not what my job has told me, not what I see on television, but truly what is the infallible Word of God.”  
How do you explain your identity?
9. Read these Scriptures that speak about identity: Ephesians 2:10; Psalm 139:13-18; Esther 4:14. How can we shape our identity through the Word of God?
10. The speakers discuss being mindful about how you are using social media because it can influence how you see your identity. How much of your identity is influenced by social media? How can you create healthy boundaries with social media?
11. Reflect on the Scriptures that speak to identity: Ephesians 2:10; Psalm 139:13-18; Esther 4:14. Find a Scripture that resonates with you. Write it down, hang it up, and memorize it.