



## **“Part 1, Chapter 1: In the Beginning was Work”**

January 9

### **Discussion Questions**

1. Do you enjoy your job? Why or why not? What purposes does employment serve?
2. Read the Creation account in the book of Genesis – Genesis 1 and 2 – and make a list of all the “work” that God does. What does this tell you about the character of God and what it means to be created in the image of God?
3. What does the fact that God both works and rests in this Creation account teach us about our own earthly lives?
4. Read Hebrews 4: 9-10. What do you think this “rest of God” is referring to and how might it be related to what Jesus did on the cross?
5. Jenny talked about our need to rest from the “work under our work”, and that we can’t look for ultimate hope and purpose from our employment. What might that look like for you?
6. What do you need to join the St. Paul's community in the E100 reading challenge?

## **Genesis 1:1-3**

### **The Beginning**

<sup>1</sup>In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. <sup>2</sup>Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters.

<sup>3</sup>And God said, "Let there be light," and there was light.

<sup>4</sup>And God said, "Let the land produce living creatures according to their kinds: the livestock, the creatures that move along the ground, and the wild animals, each according to its kind." And it was so.

## **Genesis 2:3**

<sup>3</sup>Then God blessed the seventh day and made it holy, because on it he rested from all the work of creating that he had done.