

THE TRELLIS AND THE VINE

Chapter 10 Study Guide

1. If all Christians are called to serve Christ—if all are ‘vine-workers’—what is different about those who pastor or lead congregations?
2. Is the word ‘called’ in these passages speaking only to full time ministers (Rom 8:28-30, 2 Tim 1:9, Eph 1:18, Phil 3:14, 1 Cor 1:9, 1 Pet 2:9, Eph 4:1, Col 3:15, 2 Thess 1:11)? If not how should a doctor, teacher, you, etc approach God’s calling for them?
3. In what sense are pastors or other full-time gospel workers ‘called’ into their role?
4. What do you think would be the best way for a person to urge you to get involved in gospel work?
5. Read back over the bullet-point summary of the Bible’s teaching on ‘work’ on pages 137-138. How does it differ from the way you tend to think about work?
6. What do Christians in full-time or ‘recognized’ ministry and those in secular work have in common?
7. Think about the Christians that you know. Are some of them ‘people worth watching’ (pp139-142)?
8. Is there anything you think should be added to the ‘people worth watching list’?