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Faith and Work

A topic that comes up quite a bit in college ministry is work. It is a source of stress for many juniors and seniors that I personally meet with. "What is God's will for my life?" is at the forefront of many minds at UNC. In light of that, we held a panel for upperclassmen women last week. Represented were a teacher, someone in the technology business, a stay at home mom and a UNC professor. The panel talked through how to discern the passions God has given you, being a Christian in the workplace and how to navigate post-grad life. A big takeaway for students was the importance of remembering our larger calling of loving God, loving others and making disciples. With that broader calling in place as believers, the question of vocation (while still important) feels less consuming.

A great book on this topic is "Every Good Endeavor" by Tim Keller. In it Keller says, "When we say that Christians work from a gospel worldview, it does not mean that they are constantly speaking about Christian teaching in their work. Instead, think of the gospel as a set of glasses through which you look at everything else in the world...the gospel provides a worldview, or story, that provides Christian believers with real guidance for their labor, giving them a deep and layered vision of human flourishing that often enables them to work in ways distinct from those around them."

Pray for the Smiths

- Praise that Josh's job is going well and is a great fit. Pray that we would continue to navigate the challenges of that **transition** well (i.e. how to prioritize time together when things feel very busy.)

- Pray for the UNC students serving in **East Asia** on STINT this year. The coronavirus is rampant there and they have been moved to Thailand. Pray for their health and safety (Zach, Emily, Hope, Hailey, Philip and Dillon).

- Pray for our student leaders to have **endurance** to pour into the lives of younger students (winter is busy for them and can be hard to stay motivated!)

- **Thank you so much for your investment in the lives of UNC students!**

Student Spotlight

Sarah (pictured with Allie at the hoedown in August) is a junior leader with us. I've had the privilege of discipling her the last two years.

"This year God has been teaching me more about what it looks like to surrender to Him. I am learning that I cannot pick and choose when or what I give to the Lord, but that every single day I am called to deny myself and take up my cross (Luke 9:23). Daily the Lord has been faithful to remind me that I must surrender my family, my friends, my schoolwork and my temptations to Him."



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