

## *Conversation Café*

### **Career**

Talk with your conversation partners about your experience and/or plans for a career. A career is a profession or job that you train for and get experience in over several years.



#### **Discussion Questions:**

1. Choice of Career – How did you choose a career? Or have you made a choice?
2. What options did you consider? What were important factors in your choice of career? Did you ask other people for advice before you made your decision?
3. How important was the expected salary?
4. Change in Career – Have you ever changed careers or career training in your life? If you are an immigrant, talk about the change in career when you moved from your home to Canada.
5. Is your career choice dependent on knowing another language very well?
6. Career Traditions – Consider how careers change from generation to generation. Women used to have only two career choices – nursing or teaching. Today, men and women have many kinds of careers to choose from. How are your choices different from your parent's or grandparent's choices?
7. Work and Happiness – How important is work? If you had plenty of money and never had to work, would you be happy? Why or why not?
8. What about retirement? Do you think you would like early retirement? Is it important to have work to do after you retire? Why or why not?
9. Work and Parenting – Do you consider being a parent a kind of career? Why or why not? How about being a husband or wife? Sometimes homemakers feel that their work is not respected. Yet homemakers work very hard and do very important work – making a home and raising children. Do you think homemakers should be respected and appreciated more? How could this happen?

## Scriptures about work:

“Unless the Lord builds a house, the work of the builders is wasted.... It is useless for you to work so hard from early morning until late at night, anxiously working for food to eat; for God gives rest to his loved ones.” Psalm 127:1-2

“And it is a good thing to receive wealth from God and the good health to enjoy it. To enjoy your work and accept your lot in life—this is indeed a gift from God.” Ecclesiastes 5:19

- ❖ Do you agree with these scriptures? Why or why not?
- ❖ Do you see rest and enjoyment of your work as gifts from God?

## Idioms about WORK:

idiom: too much on my plate



meaning: to be busy with lots of things

**Don't give up your day job!**

The idiom 'don't give up your day job' is used in a humorous way to tell someone you do not think they are very good at something.

"I know you love singing, Tom, but don't give up your day job."



**Burn the candle at both ends**

Meaning  
To work or study day and night.

Mary has been burning the candle at both ends studying for her exams and now she's ill.

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## workaholic

a person who cannot stop working



Joe is a **workaholic**. He brings his work home every night.

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