

# **Anatomy of the Kingdom: Hands**

"O, Lord, establish the work of our hands"

"The hands can't do what the heart doesn't desire"

## <u>Word</u>

#### Read the following passages together:

- Isaiah 48:13, Genesis 2:15, Psalm 90: 17, Jeremiah 29:1-13
- What does Isaiah tell us about God's hands?
- What does Genesis tell us about the purpose of our hands?
- What does Psalms tell us about the prayer for our hands?
- What does Jeremiah tell us about the potential for our hands?

#### World

- What does the current culture tell us about the purpose of our hands?
- What would the culture say about God's intended purpose for our hands?
- How might this be different from what we learn from Scripture?
- What narrative are we learning from the church about our hands?

### Us

- What is the Lord currently calling your hands to do? What does faithfulness look like in the current work that you have been given?
- Is your current work sustained by the heartbeat of God, or are you trying to do it in your own strength?
- Do you think that there is an end to the work of your hands in this life? Why or why not?
- Before this study, have you seen work as something for yourself or for the flourishing of others? How might this study have changed your thoughts about work? How might this connect to the current work of your hands?

Seeking the welfare of the city implies abundant living, where we enjoy God's creation beyond mere daily survival. In the daily work of our hands, we then have room to invite the stranger, pray and praise, and incorporate creativity and play into daily living.

