

1) Dr. Tackett begins this tour by reminding us of the 8th Commandment – “Thou Shalt Not Steal” – and what it implies about property and ownership rights. How is this relevant to the ensuing discussion of labor and economics?

2) Why does Dr. Tackett temporarily re-name the fourth commandment “The Labor Command?” How does this tie in with Jesus’ declaration that “The Sabbath was made for man, not man for the Sabbath”?

3) Read Genesis 3:17-19. What is the focal point of the *curse* that God pronounces on Adam in these verses? How might a correct understanding of this curse impact our thinking about the sphere of labor and the place of work in our lives?

4) What are some ways that the Old Testament principle of “gleanings” might be applied within the context of our modern economy? What is the key difference between this approach to helping the needy and that of the “welfare state”?

5) Makoto Fujimata, founder of the International Arts Movement, argues that the Church needs to find ways to re-establish itself as a *center* of creative and artistic activities. Why is his vision so important to the future not only of the Church, but of western culture as a whole?