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Human Work, Meaning, and the Good Life

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Today, many people derive their meaning in life from work—at school, college, or professional settings. This program will explore a number of foundational philosophical questions related to work, meaning, and the good life that often go unexamined. What is work? Why do we work, and what place does it have in the good life? How does it relate to human nature and purpose? To examine these questions, we will discuss classical and contemporary readings from Plato, Aristotle and Aquinas to Josef Pieper, Hannah Arendt, and Pope John Paul II