



SENG THE PLUMBER

EXPLORATION GUIDE

The W with Luke Bobo & Pastor Aaron Brockmeier

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"Joe the plumber saves lives too," Seng Blong Vang says in *Seng the Plumber*. The diligent work of plumbers protects us from environmental hazards and empowers us to have normal days. We only notice the importance of plumbers when we have a problem, but without adequate plumbing our economy would grind to a halt.

What were you taught about blue-collar workers? How might we reframe the ways we view plumbing and other trades, in light of their true importance? Has Seng's story enlarged your view of your own work and its contribution and impact?

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Seng describes his experience growing up without a good father figure. Lacking someone to nudge him in the right direction, he repeatedly tried and failed before finding his way in life. Today, Seng works to provide opportunities for his kids, and he finds meaning in being a strong role model for them.

What legacy do you want to leave future generations and how do you see your work playing into that? How can intergenerational thinking help shape the decisions we make today in the workplace?

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In the film, Seng says, "Instead of putting God first, put God in." Seng's integrity and love are lived behind the scenes with quietness and humility as he seeks to work hard. This modesty does not betray the significance of Seng's work, as he strives to integrate his relationship with God into everything he does.

In what parts of your life have you "put God in"? How can you adjust your posture toward work to adopt a mindset more like Seng's? How could communities look different if more people integrated their faith and work?

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In *The W*, Seng's pastor, Aaron Brockmeier says, "When hidden work is done well, you don't see it... It's only when there's an issue that [the] hidden work is revealed." Similarly, it's usually during times of hardship when we begin to appreciate normalcy.

In what ways might the hidden work of plumbers resemble the quiet function of God's activity in our lives? How can we better notice and appreciate God's presence in our daily work?