

MORE PRACTICE AT WORK

Colossians 3:22 – 4:1

MESSAGE RECAP

This week's message delves into the challenging biblical passages addressing slavery, emphasizing that the scriptures don't endorse slavery but build a framework that deconstructs it. These words also give us a challenge in our context of work. The apostle Paul says "Whatever you do" do it for the Lord. Work is a good gift that was distorted by the Fall. The Gospel redeems our work, no matter what you do.

GROUP DISCUSSION

1. How are you...really?
2. Becoming the Best Christian Worker: Read Colossians 3:22-25
 - a. How can we practically apply the principle of working for the Lord in our daily tasks, regardless of our job titles or responsibilities?
 - b. Share an example from your own life when your faith positively influenced the way you approached your work. What impact did it have on your attitude and performance?
 - c. Discuss the idea that our perspective on work can change when we view Jesus as our ultimate boss. How might this perspective shift impact our response to challenges or difficult circumstances?
3. Being the Best to Work for: Read Colossians 4:1
 - a. In what ways can we treat our colleagues or subordinates with honor and respect, recognizing them as individuals from whom Christ loved? How does this differ from the typical workplace dynamic?
 - b. How can you integrate your faith into your daily work routine?
4. Dealing with Difficult Working Environments:
 - a. What percentage of your work feels like a burden? What percentage of your work is enjoyable?
 - b. How can we maintain a positive and Christ-centered attitude in challenging or toxic work environments? What Biblical principles or biblical people can guide us in such situations? i.e., Joseph or Daniel
 - c. Share a personal story of overcoming a difficult work-related challenge by applying a gospel-centered faith. What lessons did you learn?
5. Finish your time by specifically praying for each other's work and workplace struggles.