
GROUP DISCUSSION

Transcendent

Colossians 3:22 – 4:1, Pastor Lance Ainsworth

June 20th & June 23rd, 2024

A new work ethic.

Prayer Requests:

Group Discussion: What is your best or worst job?

Read Aloud: Colossians 3:22-4:1

1. Genesis 2:15 “Then the Lord God took the man and put him into the garden of Eden to cultivate it and keep it.” Why did God create mankind to work? Do you think there will be work in the new heaven and earth? How does work draw us closer to God? Is work just your job?

2. v. 22-23 “Slaves, in all things, obey those who are your masters on earth, not with external service, as those who merely please men, but with sincerity of heart, fearing the Lord. 23 Whatever you do, do your work heartily, as for the Lord rather than for men,” Do you view work, not just your job, as worship? Are we deceived if we work for the applause of people? How can we keep a good attitude during work hardship?

3. v. 24-25 “knowing that from the Lord you will receive the reward of the inheritance. It is the Lord Christ whom you serve. 25 For he who does wrong will receive the consequences of the wrong which he has done, and that without partiality.” When you are working for an earthly boss, do you think about eternal rewards? Read Revelation 21:1-7. What sticks out to you?

4. v.1 “Masters, grant to your slaves justice and fairness, knowing that you too have a Master in heaven.” Imagine hearing this letter for the first time and both slave and master are hearing it. What do you think the response of the slave and the master towards each other might be? If you work for a fair Christian boss, does that motivate you to work harder or take advantage?