



Outward Group Discussion Guide

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SUMMARY

In this message, we're challenged to reconsider our approach to work and rest through a biblical lens. The central theme revolves around Titus 3, where Paul instructs us to be ready for every good work. But here's the twist – our good works aren't about earning God's favor; they're a response to the incredible grace we've already received. We're reminded that Jesus has done the ultimate work on our behalf, freeing us from the burden of self-righteousness. This shifts our perspective on daily labor, transforming even mundane tasks into opportunities to 'adorn the doctrine of God our Savior.' As we embrace this truth, we find that true rest isn't found in mere leisure, but in connecting deeply with Jesus and allowing His finished work to permeate every aspect of our lives. This message invites us to live with eternal impact, recognizing that every person we encounter has an eternal destiny, raising the stakes of our daily interactions and work ethic.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. How does understanding that you're already fully loved by God change your approach to work?
2. The speaker mentioned feeling futile in his work in Japan. Have you ever felt this way in your job or daily tasks? How can rooting our work in Jesus help overcome this feeling?
3. Reflect on the quote: "If you are in Jesus, you have never worked a second in your whole life to make God love you." How does this truth impact your daily life and motivations?
4. The sermon discussed the difference between numbing ourselves and true rest. What does true, soul-refreshing rest look like in your life?
5. How can we balance the need for good works with the understanding that our salvation is not based on them?
6. The speaker mentioned that every person we interact with has an eternal destiny. How might this perspective change how we approach our daily interactions at work or in our community?