



DISCIPLESHIP GUIDE

DIFFERENT: DIFFERENT AT WORK | WEEK 06 | OCTOBER 11, 2026

KNOW GOD | FIND FREEDOM | DISCOVER PURPOSE | MAKE A DIFFERENCE

HOW TO USE THIS GUIDE

We are called not simply to hear God's Word, but to allow it to transform the way we live. This guide is designed to help you carry Sunday's message into your week—growing in your relationship with God, engaging in meaningful conversation, and putting what you're learning into practice.

Read the Scripture. Reflect on what God is teaching you. Apply it to your life. Pray with purpose. Go deeper. Use the guide on your own as a personal study or journaling tool, with your family, or in your Connect Group.

Our hope is that as we spend time in God's Word and respond to what He is teaching us, we will know God, discover His purpose for our lives, and make a difference.

WEEKLY SUMMARY

Different at Work

We often divide life into the sacred and the secular, treating Sunday worship and Monday's responsibilities as two separate worlds. But following Jesus doesn't stop at the church doors. What if your workplace is one of the primary mission fields God has already placed you in?

In Colossians 3:22–24, Paul challenges us to remember whom we ultimately serve. Our earthly circumstances do not determine the value of our work—Jesus Christ does. When we recognize Him as our audience of One, it changes our motives, our attitudes, and how we approach the responsibilities God has placed in our hands.

Your life is your sermon. Can others see Jesus through the way you live? Our everyday actions and conversations reveal something about the One we follow.

Jesus didn't die on the cross so we could become more productive. He died so we could become His. And when we truly belong to Him, it should change the way we live—even on Monday morning.

You may be the closest thing to Jesus that people see this week!

KEY VERSE

“Whatever you do, do it from the heart, as something done for the Lord and not for people, knowing that you will receive the reward of an inheritance from the Lord. You serve the Lord Christ.”

COLOSSIANS 3:23–24

When we remember who we serve, even ordinary responsibilities become opportunities to honor Him.

GOING DEEPER



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THIS WEEK IN THE WORD

Five passages to read, reflect on, and apply this week.

SURRENDER

COLOSSIANS 3:17

*What parts of your work
have you kept separate
from God?*

WORTH

EPHESIANS 2:8-10

*Where are you trying to
earn what God has already
given you by grace?*

SERVICE

1 PETER 4:10-11

*How are you using what
God has given you to
serve others?*

GLORIFY

1 CORINTHIANS 10:31-33

*Are your actions
pointing others toward
Christ or drawing
attention to yourself?*

WITNESS

MATTHEW 5:14-16

*What does your work life
reveal about the Jesus
you follow?*

DISCUSSION/JOURNALING

STARTER:

Think about the people who see you throughout an ordinary week—not just at church, but when you're tired, frustrated, under pressure, or dealing with difficult circumstances. If they knew nothing about your faith except what they observed, what would they believe about Jesus?

1. We often separate our sacred and secular lives without realizing it. Where are you most likely to leave your faith out of your everyday decisions, conversations, or responsibilities? What causes that separation?
2. We say we live for an audience of One, but whose opinions, expectations, or approval actually influence the way we live? What might change if pleasing Jesus mattered more than being noticed, appreciated, or understood by others?
3. When circumstances are frustrating, people are difficult, or our efforts go unnoticed, what tends to come out of us? What do those reactions reveal about where we're placing our trust and finding our purpose?
4. Your life is your sermon. What differences might exist between the Jesus you profess to follow and the Jesus others encounter through your words, attitudes, and actions? Where is God calling you to become more like Him?

APPLICATION | PUT IT ON

Living different begins with surrender, not simply trying harder. Jesus didn't die on the cross to make us more productive. He died so we could become His.

This week, consider the work God has placed in your hands—whether at your job, at home, in school, or through serving others. Identify one area where frustration, resentment, the need for recognition, or simply going through the motions has influenced how you approach your responsibilities.

Invite Jesus into that specific situation. Ask Him what He wants to change in your heart, then take one intentional step to reflect Christ through the way you work or the way you treat someone alongside you.

At the end of the week, reflect: How did remembering whom I serve change the way I approached my work and the people around me?

PRAY

Heavenly Father, forgive me for the times I have separated my faith from my everyday life. Too often, I allow frustration, circumstances, and the expectations of others to shape my attitude instead of remembering that I belong to You. Open my eyes to the purpose You have for me right where You have placed me. Help me see my work and responsibilities as opportunities to serve You and the people around me. Reveal the attitudes and motives that need to change, and give me a heart willing to surrender them.

Lord, let my life tell the story of Your love and grace. May others see Jesus in the way I work, speak, respond, and serve. Don't simply help me do better; draw me closer to You so that I may become more like Christ. Amen.