

God's power for our work

SMALL GROUP NOTES

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Theme

On Sunday Martin spoke on the fourth and final talk in our every good endeavour series helping us see that God has called us to be ministers of the New Covenant which is outworked in every area of life. In order for us to do this well we need the power of God to change our heart and empower us for what lies ahead. We saw two ways he does this is through making us confident and competent.

Scriptures

2 Corinthians 3:4-6

Genesis 18:14

John 15:1-5

Colossians 1:11-14

Overview

For many Christians the endeavours that God has called us to do are overwhelming and challenging, we can find ourselves struggling to meet all the demands and expectations that are set. God hasn't called us to simply struggle through and cope he has given us power to bring the rule and reign of Christ into every arena. We saw how 2 of the encouragements we are given from scripture as we consider Gods power for our work is that he makes us confident and competent. God makes us confident through Christ 2 Corinthians tells us, this is hugely key for us as it means our identity and our faith are found in him not our roles. As receive this revelation is allows us to understand we are a branch connected, reliant and sustained by Jesus. Its only in him we can be confident in our work. Secondly we saw how his power makes us competent; many of us work in a performance culture where targets and goals set whether we are a success or a failure. God's power turns that upside down and his Spirit allows us to be those that recognise our sufficiency and competence comes from him. This means we can be a humble people in the work place, helping others, and celebrating others successes knowing its God who qualifies us. We can also be comfortable in the workplace, able to handle success without becoming arrogant and puffed up and failure without becoming down heartened and disillusioned. Our fruit in the work place comes from God, us understanding that and trusting that will help us to bring the new covenant of Christ into every good endeavour.

Questions for discussion

- 1) How are you finding work at the moment?
- 2) Why is it important we don't find our identity in our work and roles?
- 3) How does success and failure at work impact your relationship with God and others?
- 4) How reliant are you on Gods power for your work?

Tags

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