

20/20 VISION
Week 4: Career
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⇒ **Leaders: note items marked with the arrows are key discussion questions if you're short on time.**

WARM-UP

What job do you think would be a dream job to have? Why?

INTRODUCTION

- ⇒ How can your attitude toward your work or your co-workers affect your job and career?
- ⇒ What correlation can our attitude toward our work and co-workers have in respect to our influence as a Christian within the workplace?
- ⇒ How can our attitude toward work and co-workers affect our attitude *outside* of work?

BIBLE APPLICATION

Read **Colossians 3:23** and **1 Corinthians 10:31**.

- ⇒ What do these verses tell us about how we should view our jobs/careers?
- ⇒ How does it change your perspective of work when know you're doing it for the Lord and not for a boss?
- ⇒ What are some examples of doing something "for the glory of God"?
- Discuss ways that you can have a positive effect on your workplace.
 - Which of these have you implemented previously?
 - Which ones do you think God is calling you to implement and work at presently?
- ⇒ How would you define each of the following: (Use a dictionary or search the web if you want to.)
 - Job
 - Career
 - Calling
- ⇒ What similarities do they have? What differences do they have?
- ⇒ How would you classify your job? Does it cover more than one of those three?
- ⇒ What makes your current work particularly meaningful to you?

Read 1 Peter 2:18-25.

- ⇒ What do these verses teach us that can help us when dealing with a harsh or unbelieving boss or co-workers?
- ⇒ What are some examples of how to react if someone is hostile about your faith in Jesus?

Read Matthew 22:34-39.

- ⇒ What does it look like in action to love God and love people when it comes to your workplace?
- ⇒ What about the people who live a different lifestyle, even one you don't approve of? What does it look like to "love people" in that situation?
- ⇒ If you ARE the boss, what can you learn from the passages in 1 Peter 2 and Matthew 22 about how to be a good boss?
- ⇒ How can praying for your boss, your co-workers, or your employees change your outlook?
- ⇒ What other extra benefits could praying for your work and coworkers have?

How would you personally answer the following questions?

- Are you living your passion as far as your work is concerned?
- Do you have a calling that you have not answered?
- What does it mean for you that God could have "more" for you when it comes to your career or calling?

NEXT STEPS / ACTION

- ⇒ You represent God at your work. What would you like to do differently in the future now that you understand that?
- ⇒ What influence do you have at work that you will use in a positive way?
- ⇒ How will you pray specifically for your work, co-workers, or boss?

PRAYER

Pray for one another and over specific concerns shared about work. Ask God for a heart that loves him and loves people first. Pray for the mindset of Christ as you go out into each of your places of work.



PERSONAL GROWTH & NEXT STEPS

PERSONAL STUDY

Read the parable in **Matthew 25:14-30**.

This is a parable about the money loaned to servants (workers) by their master (boss). Think about this parable as it relates to your current career/job etc.

⇒ Which servant do you see yourself most like?

⇒ Is this the servant that Jesus commended?

⇒ If not, what changes do you need to make?

Write out a prayer for a co-worker, a situation at work, or for God's direction in your career.

GROUP PRAYER REQUESTS

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OPPORTUNITIES AND NEXT STEPS

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Mondays – February 3, 10, 17

OR

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