



## Life Group Discussion—January 10, 2024

### *Ephesians 4:28-30—Christ Revolutionizes Your Work, Words & Worship*

**Ephesians 4:28–30 (ESV)** — <sup>28</sup> Let the thief no longer steal, but rather let him labor, doing honest work with his own hands, so that he may have something to share with anyone in need. <sup>29</sup> Let no corrupting talk come out of your mouths, but only such as is good for building up, as fits the occasion, that it may give grace to those who hear. <sup>30</sup> And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption.

### **3 MORE PLACES CHRIST REVOLUTIONIZES EVERYDAY LIFE (28-30)**

#### **1. YOUR WORK: YOUR LABOR IS TO BENEFIT OTHERS (28)**

*What are some worldly perspectives we adopt with regard to work? How does Paul tie work to our relationship with Jesus?*

*How does a right theology of work address someone who worships work (i.e., a “workaholic”) as well as someone who doesn’t work hard (i.e., a “minimal effort” worker)?*

*What ways does your approach to work need to change?*

#### **2. YOUR WORDS: YOUR LIPS ARE TO GIVE GRACE (29)**

*What are some areas you need to apply the instruction to let no corrupting talk proceed from your mouth?*

*How do you address these issues not just at the communication level, but from the heart (i.e., specific truths, passages, etc.).*

*You are to speak in such a way as to build others up, as fits the occasion. Where do you need to apply this instruction most (i.e., what people, when, etc.).*

### **3. YOUR WORSHIP: YOUR LIFE IS TO HONOR GOD (30)**

*What does it mean that we can grieve the Spirit? How does this truth contribute to our understanding of the third member of the Trinity?*

*How does the reality that the Spirit can be grieved impact our pursuit of repentance and battle with sin?*

*The Spirit seals us for the day of redemption. This means the Spirit guarantees the completion of our salvation all the way through the day of judgment. Do you understand the doctrine of the perseverance (or preservation) of the saints? How does this understanding impact your daily Christian experience?*