

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

COLOSSIANS 3:22-4:1

INTRODUCTION:

Today's discussion is about experiencing the GREATER life in our work. Not all work a 9-5 job but all do have a calling in life. The word vocation actually comes from the Latin verb "to call." We find greater fulfillment in our calling when we see our work from God's perspective.

Whether we're at our place of employment, at home, or in school, we are to work in a way that honors God. We're always working at something. Since we spend so much of our time "at work," it's important for us to apply Scripture to this area of our life. Basically, our work is a stewardship for which we'll give an account.

ICEBREAKER QUESTIONS: (OPTIONAL)

What is the worst job you have ever had? What is the most fulfilling/enjoyable job you've ever had? Why is that?

PLAY WEEK THREE VIDEO (10 MINUTES)

This video can be played all at once or it can be paused after each section. After watching the video, use the discussion questions to encourage conversation. You don't have to ask every question. You can also ask your own.

DISCUSS:

1. Share a time when a change in attitude about your job changed your level of satisfaction & productivity at work.
2. How satisfied/dissatisfied are you with your current job? If a change of attitude is necessary, what would it be?
3. To “work heartily” means to give 100% of yourself 100% of the time. Discuss times when it’s difficult to do this. What have you done to ensure you work this way?
4. Discuss the phrase, “as for the Lord & not for men.”
 - a. How does this change your goals at work?
 - b. What’s the difference in rewards?
 - c. How does it change your response to injustice?
5. In your specific occupation, what does it look like to work “as for the Lord?” (Share what you do & have the group help you brainstorm different ideas.)
6. Which specific areas of your work are receiving your best efforts? Why those areas? Which need greater attention?
7. What are 1-2 specific action steps you can take this week in your job/work so that Jesus can shine his love through you? After sharing a few examples, spend time praying that God would bring those opportunities about.