

SERMON GROUP STUDY GUIDE

What was the most significant thing you learned from the sermon or something in the sermon you didn't quite understand?

INTRO

If your life had a slogan — like “Built Ford Tough” — what would it be right now?

DIGGING INTO THE TEXT - COLOSSIANS 3:22-4:1

Why is it important to understand what slavery was like in Paul's day?

What modern-day relationship is most similar to the slave/master dynamic we see in this text, especially when it comes to authority, work, and responsibility?

As a Christian, who should you be serving at all times, no matter what you're doing, no matter when, no matter where?

What do you think Paul means by working with a sincere heart and respect for the Lord? How does that challenge not just what we do, but our attitude when we're doing it, especially when we don't feel like it?

How does that connect to doing everything for God's glory 1 Corinthians 10:31

How does remembering that you answer to God change the way you treat those under your authority?

TAKEAWAYS

IT IS THE LORD CHRIST YOU ARE SERVING

Colossians 3:1-4; John 17:15

- How does your effort change when someone you respect is watching you work?
- How does knowing God sees your work, and will reward it, change how you work when nobody notices or appreciates it? What difference should that make in your day-to-day life?
- What's a “small” or “routine” task in your life that you tend to overlook? How does doing it “as for the Lord” change the way you approach it?
- Where are you tempted to cut corners, be lazy, or check out? What would it look like to bring that area under Christ's authority?”

THE PATH TO LASTING HONOR IS TO HONOR CHRIST

Colossians 3:17, 23; 1 Corinthians 15:58

- Where do you tend to coast in your work, and how would you approach that differently if you believed were doing it for the Lord?
- When your work is frustrating, unnoticed, or even opposed, what helps you stay faithful and keep going?
- What's one area of your daily life, at home or work, where you need to stop going through the motions and start doing it wholeheartedly for Christ?