

Worthy Pursuits of the Christian Life
Redeeming the time to live a godly life!

Introduction: Priming the pump for tonight's discussion.

- Let's begin with our own observations. Was there a moment where God spoke to you, showed you something new, or reminded you of a familiar truth through the message this week?

Exploration: Questions to guide our group discussion.

- In our study this week we learned that Christians should show honor to masters whether they are unbelievers or believers. To the unbeliever, the honor that we show is a testimony and a witness of Christ Jesus. To the believer, we serve faithfully as to "wash the feet" of another believer. How does knowing that we are witnesses to Christ compel us to interface with culture as ambassadors of the Lord? Thinking of our workplaces, what are some practical ways to show honor to our masters?
- We learned that there were several worthy pursuits of a Christian's life; the pursuit of Godliness, the pursuit of contentment, and the pursuit of a priceless and unwavering confession. Which of these ideas struck the loudest chord with you? Please share your insights with the group.
- Paul really has a lot to say in his writings about behaviors and attitudes to embrace, as well as those to shun. We referenced Ephesians 5 and discussed walking in the flesh versus walking in the Spirit. Let's review those things again and compare/contrast with what Paul wrote in 1 Timothy 6. Remember, every believer has only one throne, and either the flesh or the Spirit will be seated on it.

Additional Scriptures for Deeper Study:

- 1 Peter 1:15-16
- Hebrews 12:14
- Philippians 2:5-11

Application: How can I apply this to my life this week?

- Is there an application of any of these study principles that you need to implement at work this week...perhaps deciding to show honor to a difficult supervisor or master, or to have a changed attitude about serving a believing one?

1 Timothy 6

- The Bible teaches us to redeem the time and to seek God's will for our lives. Is there anything in your life that needs to be redeemed for God? Name it out loud, or write it down, and commit your way to the Lord.