

YOUR WORK MATTERS TO GOD

Ryland Walter | September 17-18, 2022
Week 2: Worshiping Through Your Work

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WORSHIPING THROUGH YOUR WORK
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REVIEW IT

Work and worship are not separate ideas. It's not as if one part of our life is work and the other is faith. It all counts before God. Worship is faith expressed, and we are to express our faith in every area of life. So, how can I worship through my work? First, by working as though I'm working for God. My boss may set my salary, but God determines my reward. (Colossians 3:17-25) Secondly, I can worship through my work by being driven by love. God working through you doesn't depend on what job you work, so you can let Christ's love go through you to any person.

Spend some time in the word... **Read Colossians chapter 3**

TALK ABOUT IT

- Every job has its downsides. What is a job that looks to be very easy-going and fulfilling? Now, what do you think might be the par
- What is one thing from this message that you hope we talk about as a group?
- How can you better remember to work as though you are working for Christ and and that he will give an inheritance as his reward?
- Do you know anyone who exhibits the truths of this message? How so?

ACT ON IT

You heard in the message some ways to show the people in your life or work that you care. Now, Brainstorm with your group some other ways you can show others that you care.

PRAY ABOUT IT

What do you need prayer for today? Take some time to ask how you can pray for and support one another this week. Then, close praying for one another.