

Life Group Guide | September 5

“With All Your Heart”



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OPENING PRAYER

Heavenly Father, through the leading of the Holy Spirit, we want to focus on who you are and to listen closely to your words. We desire your guidance to constantly be in our minds and kept faithfully in our hearts, for it is the source of life. We humbly ask that you show us how to guard our hearts against the enemy’s assaults and world’s temptations so all we say and do is for your glory. (Proverbs 4:20-23) It is in your son’s name we pray. Amen.

CONNECTING QUESTION

What was your first job? What life-long lessons did you learn?

SCRIPTURE READING

Read Aloud & Meditate on God’s Word: Colossians 3:23-24

EXPLORE THE TEXT

1. Read Psalm 86:11 (NIV). What is a divided heart? What steps are required to ensure your heart remains united with and by God?
2. “Every occupation has its own honor before God. Ordinary work is a divine vocation or calling. In our daily work no matter how important or mundane, we serve God by serving the neighbor, and we also participate in God’s on-going providence for the human race” (Martin Luther). Discuss this quotation. How might Luther’s words influence your approach to God’s calling on your life?
3. Define “vocation.” What are your vocations? In what labors do you find joy and choose to invest your whole heart?
4. Read Matthew 5:13-16. Describe the importance of being Jesus’ salt and light. In what ways could you be saltier and brighter for him?
5. Read Proverbs 3:5-6. How does this proverb connect to Colossians 3:23-24?
6. Rewrite Colossians 3:23-24 as your personal mission statement to and for God.

FOLLOWING JESUS

Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make your paths straight. ~ Proverbs 3:5-6

Every morning give Jesus your heart to do with according to his will and divine plan. Keep track of the ways that he answers your prayers and how you see him working in your life. In what ways can you fulfill the Great Commission in the context of your family? Work? Community?

SCRIPTURE FOR EXTRA STUDY

Psalm 119:105; Ephesians 5:8-16; Philippians 1:27-28; Colossians 1:10-14

LIFE GROUP OPTIONAL PRAYER TIME - HOW CAN WE PRAY FOR YOU?

CLOSING PRAYER & THE LORD'S PRAYER

With all your heart, thank God for his goodness and generosity in creating you to reflect Jesus' heart and therefore seek to serve in his name.

Our Father...