



Life Group Work Sheet

How Does Jesus Change The Way I Work?

Ephesians 6:5-9

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Getting to Know Each Other

1. Do you enjoy work? What is your favorite part of what you do for a living? What is your least favorite part? What would you consider to be your "dream job"?

Into the Text

2. **Read Gen. 1:28-31; 2:15.** What do these verses tell us about God's original plan for work before sin entered the world? How is this original plan different from what we experience in work today?

- a. **Read Gen. 3:17-19.** How did sin affect work during the Fall?

- b. Think of your own work. How is God's original plan for work still seen in what you do? How are the effects of sin seen in what you do?

3. In our sermon, we talked about how to effectively be a Christian employee.

- a. How would a Christian man who was passed over for a promotion because of his unwillingness to partake in unethical practices show respect to his boss?

- b. How should a manual worker work as if he were working for Christ? A businessman? A stay-at-home mother?

- c. **Read 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18.** How are these verses helpful in our approach to work?
 - d. **Read Ephesians 6:5-9.** Here Paul tells us that we should work as if for God, and that we will receive a reward from him for doing so. How does the promise of rewards play a part in our mindset toward work?
 - e. How do these verses apply to those who are retired? To those who are stay-at-home mothers? To those who are self-employed? To the unemployed?

4. In this passage, Paul also addresses bosses and how they should lead in the workplace. How are Paul's words to employers radical here?

- a. Why is it important that the same standard of attitudes apply to employers as well as employees?

- b. How is the reminder that Jesus is the ultimate authority help those who are in authority positions in the workplace?