

EQUATIONS

LIFEgroups

June 24, 2012

Colossians 3:22-4:1

Work Is Worship

Context

Colossians gives us a concise, but comprehensive view of who Jesus is. And with this, an understanding of how the truth of who He is can profoundly impact our personal lives. This New Testament book shows us that he's the supreme factor in every equation of life.

This week's sermon comes out of five verses. Colossians 3:22-4:1. Read these verses before answering questions.

Questions for Study

1. List all the jobs you've had during your lifetime. If you're in a LIFEgroup, share this with each other.
2. What would you say has been your favorite job and your least favorite job? Why?
3. What have you learned through jobs you've enjoyed and jobs you've disliked?
4. How are you feeling these days about your present job? If there's one thing you could change, what might that one thing be? Share this with group members.
5. What's the connection between 3:17 and what Paul writes to slaves and masters?
6. What's the connection between 3:1-16 and what Paul writes to slaves and masters?
7. In today's world, who fits the part of slaves in the workplace? Who fits the part of masters? Which one are you?
8. What are the five things Paul directs slaves to do? (Steve covered this in his sermon on June 24.) Discuss each one of these as a LIFEgroup.
9. Statistics show the average person wastes 20% of the time he or she gets paid for. This means the average person is paid for 5 days of work and only really works 4. Do you think this is true?
10. If the statistic in question # 9 is true, what are the possibilities for Christians to be a significant witness at work by simply having a strong work ethic?
11. What is the responsibility of masters (employers, managers) according to 4:1? Compare this verse with Ephesians 6:9.
12. How does Paul put slaves and masters on a level playing field?
13. On a scale of 1-10 how would you rate yourself as an employee/employer?
14. Does anyone in your LIFEgroup have an "I'm not sure what to do in this situation at work" question that the group might be able to help?