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Good Work

Discussion Guide | October 20, 2019

Ephesians 6:5-9

Questions for Study and Discussion

**Before you begin, please read Ephesians 6:5-9 as a group.

1. What was the first job you had? And what was the biggest learning curve about work you had on that job?
2. Read Genesis 2:15. How does knowing that God created humanity to work (even before sin entered the world!) influence how you view working?
3. "Work is good but it's not god." Explain what this means in your own words. What does it look like for work to become a "god"?
4. In Ephesians 6:5-8, what principles does Paul provide that apply directly employees? Make a list of as many as you can find.
5. How does this list you've created compare with employee behaviors and values you've seen in jobs you've had?
6. Choose one of these principles that relate to employees, and share how this needs to take shape in your life at work this coming week.
7. In Ephesians 6:9 Paul speaks to bosses and managers. How does this compare to other models of leadership you've seen?
8. If you're in leadership over others in your organization in any way, in what practical ways can you apply what Paul says in Ephesians 6:9?
9. Look closely at Ephesians 6:5-9 again and make note of every reference to Jesus in these verses. What does the prominence of Christ in this passage on work mean for the integration of faith and work in your own life?
10. Share an example of someone who effectively integrated their faith in Jesus with their work. What did this look like, lived out in the work environment?
11. Work as a group to summarize what Paul is saying in Ephesians 6:5-9. How should the gospel transform working relationships and work environments?
12. Read the following passages. After each one, share how it adds to (or how it reinforces) what you've learned about work from Ephesians 6:5-9.
 - Genesis 2:15
 - Genesis 3:17-19
 - Proverbs 6:6-11
 - Proverbs 22:29
 - Colossians 3:22-4:1
13. **Challenge:** Memorize Ephesians 6:7-8: 7 Serve wholeheartedly, as if you were serving the Lord, not people, 8 because you know that the Lord will reward each one for whatever good they do, whether they are slave or free.