

Dig Deeper @Home – Word on the Street
Complement to lesson on 07/10/2022 – “#JustStart”

ICE BREAKER – Questions to open dialogue and learn more about those gathered

1. If you could have your own business, what would you want to do?
2. Is “work” a positive word, negative word or neutral word?

MEMORIZE – Acts 17: 6-7

... “These men who have turned the world upside down have come here also, and Jason has received them, and they are all acting against the decrees of Caesar, saying that there is another king, Jesus.”

READ – Colossians 3: 17-25, Genesis 2: 4-17, Ephesians 4: 25-32

Questions to ponder/discuss:

1. What does the Holy Spirit draw your attention to as you read these passages?
 - a. What sticks out to you?
 - b. Is anything repeated? Contrasted? Compared?
 - c. Identify 10 questions from the verses you read
 - d. What is the passage revealing about God? About people? In light of these, what needs to change in your life?
2. Based on the above passages that you read, answer the following questions:
 - a. What is a biblically informed opinion of work?
 - b. What is the place of work in the life of a follower of Jesus?
 - c. In Genesis, what does God ordain man to work? Before or after sin enters the world? What does this tell us about the role of work in our lives?
 - d. In Ephesians, what is the connection between putting away falsehood and work?
 - e. According to Paul’s words in Colossians, why is it important to remember that when we work we are “serving the Lord Christ?” What is the significance of Colossians 4:2-6 coming right on the heels of Paul giving commands on how we are to work?

EXPERIENTIAL ACTIVITY – “Reflecting Jesus where you Work”

Humans are creatures of habit. For work, we all have our daily routines. In addition, the places we work have their own cultures which we learn to conform to over time. If we are not careful, these routines and cultures can take priority over our calling: to reflect Jesus where we work. Or to say it differently, to live as “sent ones” of Jesus where we work. Here are some things you can do this week to reclaim this “sent” posture we are to have as followers of Jesus

1. Spend time in prayer talking to Jesus about what He wants for you today
 - a. A great place to do this is in your car ride on the way to work. What does Jesus have for you to do today?
2. Before going to a meeting, entering a customer’s house or placing a phone call, ask Jesus for His eyes/ears/heart when interacting with others. What does He want to say to them?
3. As you go through your day, consciously ask the Holy Spirit questions like: Who might need encouragement? Who might need a listening ear? What does God want you to see? Who needs to have a place to belong
4. Look around your work place ... what can you do to make it look and feel more like heaven?
5. Bottom line, remember to #JustStart reflecting Jesus and following Him as He leads you

SING (Suggested songs to sing. Use these, or any favorites of the gathered group, to worship Jesus!)

Behold our God - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Gqrli3Lkf58>

His Mercy is More - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=W5EUvOnQr4Y>

Give Me One Pure and Holy Passion - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tMWVPmEjUpo>

Spirit of God, descend upon my heart – (Mennonite Hymnal #217)

PRAY

This is a time to gather around for prayer requests and to share how you have seen God at work. A time to hear where God is showing up in our lives and where we need Him to help us in our lives.

Sending prayer based on the series:

Holy Spirit, help me to not just be among the people where I live, work and play, but to be for them with the grace, truth, compassion and boldness of Christ.