

COMMUNITY GROUP

DISCUSSION GUIDE

May 9-10, 2026

WELCOME/ OPENING PRAYER

PURPOSE: *We are here as a group to make and multiply disciples.*

DISCUSSION GUIDELINES

RELATIONAL WARMUP: *What is the most interesting job that you have ever held?*

SET THE STAGE: Ephesians 6 continues to explore relationships, looking here at “bondservants” and masters. “Bondservants” in Paul’s day served in the household- so these instructions followed naturally after discussing family relationships. “Bondservants” worked for 7 years. When their contract expired, they were given their wages and freed. This corresponds most closely today with our employer/employee relationship, not human trafficking. We’ll explore the topic from that perspective. How does living as God’s dearly loved children change the way that we work? And our relationships at work?

READ THE PASSAGE: *Ephesians 6:5-9*

HEAD QUESTIONS: What details stand out to you about the way that we are to treat one another in the context of work?

HEART QUESTIONS:

How does our approach to work change when we realize that our first audience and accountability is to God?

How does an awareness of being led by God allow us to respond differently to the leadership of others?

How might our trust in God influence our attitude and the effort we bring—both at work and in other areas where we contribute?

Do you notice a tendency in yourself to show partiality? How can we practice care for others without partiality?

HANDS QUESTIONS:

Which part of this passage draws your attention more: the concept of leading others faithfully or faithfully being led? Is there a specific response you feel prompted to take in response?

Knowing that God is our Loving Father and Faithful Master allows us to lead and serve well. What does it look like to trust and follow God our Master? What practice might help you to surrender more fully to God’s leadership? What does it look like to yield to the Spirit who leads us in this pathway of trust?

TAKEAWAY

CLOSING PRAYER