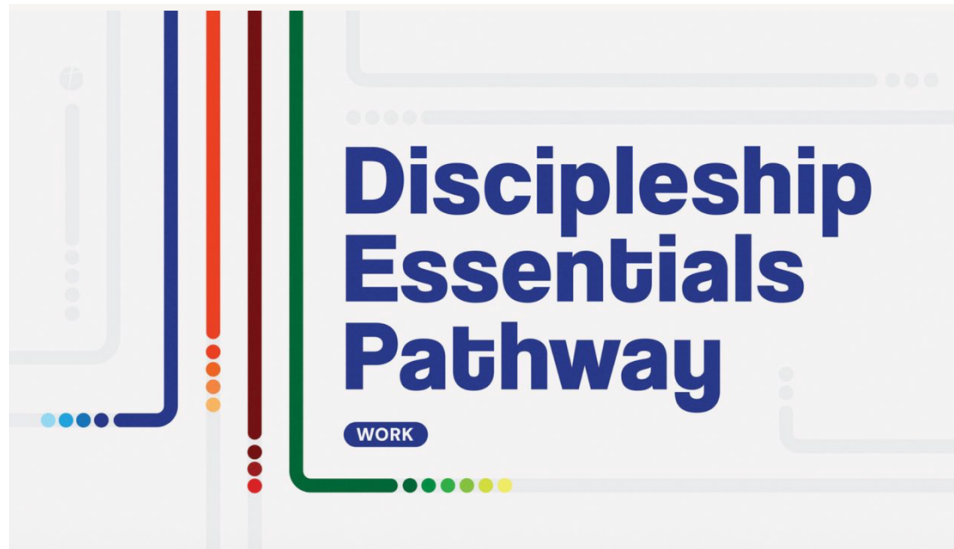




Discipleship Essentials Pathway - Week 17 “Everybody’s Working From the Weekend”

Work: Work includes what we do for our vocation and how we create, steward, grow, learn, and affect our community, family, and friends.

Colossians 3:22-4:1 (NIV)

*Slaves, obey your earthly masters in everything; and do it, not only when their eye is on you and to curry their favor, but with sincerity of heart and reverence for the Lord. ²³ Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters, ²⁴ since you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward. It is the Lord Christ you are serving. ²⁵ Anyone who does wrong will be repaid for their wrongs, and there is no favoritism. **4** Masters, provide your slaves with what is right and fair, because you know that you also have a Master in heaven.*

1. Work is worship.

- All work is a calling from God.
- All work is working for God.
- All work should get my best.

Proverbs 10:4-5 (NIV)

Lazy hands make for poverty, but diligent hands bring wealth. ⁵ He who gathers crops in summer is a prudent son, but he who sleeps during harvest is a disgraceful son.

- All work done rightly, is promised a reward from God.

2. Work is witness.

- Work as witness is bringing the presence of God to my occupation.
- It's not what you do that makes work Christian, but it is how you do it.

Maximizing Your Workplace Witness

- Work hard
- Be an encourager
- Think people over projects
- Be responsive to authority
- Be a standard bearer
- Find another person of peace
- Prayer walk your workplace
- Look for the strays
- Tell your story

3. Work is worthwhile.

Ecclesiastes 2:24 (NIV)

A person can do nothing better than to eat and drink and find satisfaction in their own toil. This too, I see, is from the hand of God

Finding Your Calling

1. *Am I being completely faithful with my current opportunities?*

Matthew 25:21 (NIV)

"His master replied, 'Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master's happiness!'

- What are some ways you could be more responsible with your current opportunity?

2. *Am I expanding my skill set?*

Ecclesiastes 10:10 (NIV)

If the ax is dull and its edge unsharpened, more strength is needed, but skill will bring success.

- What are some ways you could grow your skill set?

3. *Am I more concerned with knowing Christ or finding a career?*

Matthew 6:33 (HCSB)

But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things will be provided for you.

Psalms 37:4 (HCSB)

Take delight in the Lord, and He will give you your heart's desires.

4. *What am I most passionate about?*

- Is there something that you see wrong with the world that fires you up every time you think about it?

5. *What do those who know me best see as my strengths?*

Proverbs 15:22 (NIV)

Plans fail for lack of counsel, but with many advisers they succeed.