

Sermon Discussion Guide August 17, 2025

Refresh

Read Ephesians 6:5-9 to get the Scripture passage back in your mind.

Discuss

Pastor Mark reminded us that one-third of our lives is spent working, and that work is not a result of the fall but part of God's good creation. How does seeing work as part of God's good design for humanity change the way we should view our jobs or daily tasks?

Paul emphasized that Christian employees should obey with sincerity, not just when the boss is watching. In what ways is it tempting to work only for "eye-service," and how can we cultivate consistency and integrity in our work? What do we stand to lose if we are only faithful when we know others are watching?

Pastor Mark highlighted that Christians should "work as unto the Lord." What would change in your attitude, motivation, or effort if you really believed Jesus Himself was your supervisor? What are some ways we could regularly remind ourselves of God's presence in all we do?

Masters were reminded to treat workers with dignity and without threats, since they too are accountable to God. What does godly leadership in the workplace look like today, and how can Christian employers (or managers) reflect the heart of Christ in their leadership?

Often, our work goes unnoticed or unappreciated by others. How does the promise that God sees and rewards every good work encourage you to keep serving faithfully, even when earthly recognition is absent?

Pastor Mark made clear that our lives are not divided into "sacred" and "secular." How can we avoid compartmentalizing our lives into separate categories, such as "sacred" and "secular"? What does it look like to faithfully live this way?