

Small Group Discussion Questions

Early believers started to think that to follow Jesus they had to leave their current situation
They wanted to be 'full time' for Him.

*Have you ever wrestled with this thought? How have you felt like your job isn't ministry?

Read and discuss I Corinthians 2:17-24 (ESV)

¹⁷ Only let each person lead the life that the Lord has assigned to him, and to which God has called him. This is my rule in all the churches. ¹⁸ Was anyone at the time of his call already circumcised? Let him not seek to remove the marks of circumcision. Was anyone at the time of his call uncircumcised? Let him not seek circumcision. ¹⁹ For neither circumcision counts for anything nor uncircumcision, but keeping the commandments of God. ²⁰ Each one should remain in the condition in which he was called. ²¹ Were you a bondservant^[b] when called? Do not be concerned about it. (But if you can gain your freedom, avail yourself of the opportunity.) ²² For he who was called in the Lord as a bondservant is a freedman of the Lord. Likewise he who was free when called is a bondservant of Christ. ²³ You were bought with a price; do not become bondservants of men. ²⁴ So, brothers, in whatever condition each was called, there let him remain with God.

*What is this passage saying to you?

*What does it seem to say about how we work?

Your job has not changed, but how you approach it has

There is a new layer to your work...God himself is with you.

*How does your primary calling to the well of Jesus lead you to see how to live out your second calling in whatever situation you find yourself in?

*What would it look like to do your work, your vocation, WITH God?

Read and discuss Colossians 3:23-24 (ESV)

²³ Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men,²⁴ knowing that from the Lord you will receive the inheritance as your reward. You are serving the Lord Christ.

*What does this passage say about how we work?

It doesn't matter what you do. It's who you do it for

Whatever you do, can be serving the Lord Christ.

*Do you struggle with God's will for your job? How does this passage speak to that?

*What would it look like to do your work, your vocation, FOR God?

*What would change in your work if you went there tomorrow with and for Jesus?