

Focusing on Jesus in a Blurry World:

Focusing on Jesus at Work

Sermon #13, Colossians 3:22-4:1

Main Point: Do your work with excellence, glorifying the Lord Jesus.

Getting to Know You

1. If you could choose any job as your dream job what would it be?

Getting into the Book:

Read Colossians 3:22-25

2. In general, why is obedience to your employer important? Specifically as a Christian, why is obedience to your employer important?
3. Biblically, how should you respond to an employer who is harsh with you? See 1 Peter 2:18-20. How should you deal with an employer who asks you to do something immoral/illegal? Consider Acts 4:19; 5:29.
4. Share a story of someone who only did their work when the boss was looking. Is this how a Christian should do their work? Why?
5. Ultimately, for whom should we be working? How would having this focus improve your attitude and productivity at work?
6. Read Ephesians 6:5-9; 1 Timothy 6:1-2; and Titus 2:9-10. List additional insights from God's Word on how Christians are to conduct themselves in the work place.
7. Can you think of a Christian you have worked with who lived out these verses and displayed a great testimony for Christ? Share about them with the group.

Read Colossians 4:1

8. How are employers commanded to treat their employees? Why?

Getting out There

9. On a scale of 1 (always) to 5 (never) how well have your attitude and actions reflected the commands from these verses?
10. In what specific way(s) is the Holy Spirit asking you to change?

Prayer

Ask God to help you focus on working for the Lord Jesus Christ and being a good witness for Him at work.

Bonus Exercise

Work on memorizing Colossians 3:23-24 together.

“Whatever you do, do your work heartily, as for the Lord rather than for men,²⁴ knowing that from the Lord you will receive the reward of the inheritance. It is the Lord Christ whom you serve.”