

March 2 – 8

Walk Worthy In My Family & Marriage | Under Authority

Icebreaker: When have you felt most fulfilled in your work? What were the sources of your motivation? How did your relationship with your boss play into that sense of satisfaction?

In this session, we will consider how God must be central in our relationships at work, both those under their authority and those we have authority over.

Read Ephesians 6:5–9

- What are slaves called to do toward their earthly masters? What is to be their motivation?
- What does doing your work as “eye-service, as people-pleasers” look like in your context?
- Explain the promise that whatever good someone does, he receives back from the Lord. How does the Lord provide for us when we do things for others? (*Note: Paul says this principle applies whether someone is slave or free.*)
- How would our endurance and attitudes change if there was no promise that God would repay us for the good that we do?
- Masters are to “do the same to them.” What is Paul referring to? What is the connection between how slaves and masters are to act?
- What is the motivation for masters to treat their slaves well?
- How are you encouraged by there being no partiality with God?
- Read Genesis 2:15, 2 Thessalonians 3:10–12. What do we learn about God’s view of work? How does this relate to the responsibilities of workers and those in authority?

Application

- How does knowing the first-century context of Paul’s words help you understand the relationship between employees and employers? What lessons can we draw for modern leadership and work ethic?
- Pastor Lee mentioned that you are always under authority. How have you seen this to be true? What happens when someone fails to acknowledge this?
- What would change in your job if you truly worked as if Jesus was watching? How do you balance working with excellence without becoming a people-pleaser?
- If God is ultimately our Master, what does that mean for how we lead and follow at work?
- How would the people you are leading describe the work environment you have created? Can you change anything that would honor Christ and improve your workplace?
- How would it change your work life if you asked this question every morning: “Who am I working for today?”