

DISCUSSION GUIDE

HOW TO WORK LIKE JESUS

Romans 12:11

Not Ashamed (Romans) —Week 33

ICEBREAKER: What's one thing that makes you really angry? Explain.

OVERVIEW: You will spend roughly one-third of your life at work. If you want to become like Jesus, then you need to learn how to act like Jesus at work (and school). While the Bible does not tell us about Christ's time working as a carpenter, it does have many passages about how Christians should approach work. Today we will see one of those passages and go deeper with how to work like Christ.

1. What insight, principle, or observation from this weekend's message did you find to be the most helpful, eye-opening, or troubling? Explain. (Or what was your key takeaway from Sunday's message?)
2. What was your first money-making job?
3. What was your favorite job?
4. What is your dream job?
5. Read Ephesians 6:5-9 and answer the following questions.
 - a. Even though this passage is directed at slaves and masters, it is equally applicable to employees and employers. 1) List the commands given to slaves. 2) Put them in your own words.
 - b. List the commands given to masters, and put them in your own words.
 - c. If all the employees in a company embraced the instructions in this passage, would it make the company more or less profitable? Would it make the company a better or worse place to work? Explain.

6. Read Romans 12:11 and refer to Sunday's sermon for the following questions. The sermon discussed three ways to work like Jesus. What were they?
7. The phrase "Do not lack diligence in zeal" means "Don't be lazy." The sermon mentioned ten traits of lazy people. List the ones you can remember.
8. Have you ever lived or worked with a lazy person? Describe the experience.
9. What are some of the warnings the Bible has for lazy people?
10. The phrase in Romans 12:11 to "be fervent in spirit" means to be enthusiastic at work. What does it look like to approach work or school with enthusiasm?
11. The phrase in Romans 12:11 to "serve the Lord" means to approach your job as if God was your customer or your boss? In other words, do your work primarily to please God, knowing that He is watching, and He cares. How should this impact the way you approach work (or school)?
12. Why should Christians be the best students/workers?
13. How do you need to grow in Christlikeness in your attitude toward work or school?

The Last Word: "Whatever you do, do it from the heart, as something done for the Lord and not for people."
Colossians 3:23

