



GROUP ICE BREAKER

What has been the most successful team you been on? What made it successful?

REVIEW LAST WEEK'S NEXT STEPS

What, if any, next step did you commit to last week, how did it go?

- I will look at the needs of others through the lens of compassion.
- I will engage with the need of another in an act of kindness.
- I will commit to a humble attitude of myself.
- I will demonstrate gentleness in my words and actions towards others.
- I will practice patience with others in difficult circumstances.
- I will let go of past hurts through acts of forgiveness.
- I will demonstrate love to others just as Christ has shown love to me.

THIS WEEK'S SERMON RECAP

Colossians 3:17 states “whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.” Paul talks extensively about this idea in reference to three most important areas of life- marriage, parenting and work. Think about this, if you were doing your marriage in Jesus’ name, what’s one thing you would change? Marriage in Jesus’ name is a love of sacrifice and servanthood. Servanthood, when it’s offered causes you to want to serve the other person. And if you aren’t married, and you’re dating or open to getting married, are you doing that in Jesus’ name? Paul then discusses the parent/child relationship, emphasizing how easy it is to respond to your kids in a way that causes them to lose heart, and it’s easy to be disobedient when relating to your parents. The goal of parenting is to commit adequate time into building large-hearted, courageous, servant-minded people, who wish to please their parents. Lastly, how do we work in Jesus’ name? Reflect on your work this past week, if Jesus was your direct supervisor, would you have done your work any differently than you did? Fundamentally we work for Jesus. If our focus is simply on making money, we will come to resent work. Paul is saying, try not to get discouraged, because the day is coming when God will look at the work of his faithful servants and God will say, “Well done.”

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. As a group, read Colossians 3:17-25.
2. Colossians 3:17 says, “Whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus...” How can we do all things in the name of Jesus? How does that truth apply to all areas of life?



DISCUSSION QUESTIONS (CONT)

3. For those who are married, what's difficult about putting your spouse's interests above your own? What does it look like when it's done well? How do you feel when your spouse loves and serves you well?
4. Regardless of your marital status, what are some examples of marriages you're familiar with that personify the selfless service Paul talks about in this passage?
5. What was it like to obey your parents as a kid? What does that look like to honor them today?
6. What do you think it means to not embitter or provoke your children? What are some ways you can encourage them?
7. How do you think a promise of an inheritance would have resonated with those who had no earthly inheritance? How does it resonate with you as a motivator for how you approach your work?
8. Think back over your past week of work. Would you say you did it with all your heart as unto the Lord? Why or why not? What could you do differently this week?

NEXT STEPS FOR THIS WEEK (COMMIT TO GROW)

- I will consider how I can do a better job of serving my spouse.
- I will commit to dating in a way that honors Jesus.
- I will change what I'm doing that causes my child to be discouraged.
- I will work hard to be obedient to my parents.
- I will devote adequate time to the parent/child relationship.
- I will bring wholehearted passion to my work.

SCRIPTURE REFERENCES

- Colossians 3:17-25
- Ephesians 5:25