



MESSAGE GROUPS - MADE FOR MONDAYS - JULY 1

LEADERSHIP THOUGHT:

This teaching is meant to make you reflect on your own work life and the calling God has given you personally. Take some time beforehand to sit on the four areas – (Work is from God, Work is for God, Your excellence will increase your influence, You work with God) – be ready to help your group take practical action by providing real life examples.

MESSAGE OVERVIEW:

Colossians 3:23 makes it clear that as Christians, we are called to work to the best of our abilities. Work was designed by God and work was given to us by God. What does it look like to go through the work week with the attitude that work was created for us by God.

ICE BREAKER

What do you spend your Monday-Friday doing? Notice how "work" looks different for all of us!

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Question: What are some influences that we allow to shape our world-view apart from God?

1. Work is from God.

- **Read aloud Genesis 2:15.** *Question:* What do you think about the idea that "Work is From God"? How should this change the way we approach work?

2. Work is for God.

- *Question:* Talk about how you can apply "My Work is For God" to what you spend Monday-Friday doing. (think back to the icebreaker)
- What problems arise when we try to separate the "sacred" and the "secular"?



Your excellence will increase your influence.

- *Question:* What are some practical ways you can “go the second mile” to give your BEST and glorify God in what you do Monday-Friday?
- Talk about the idea that “Your Excellence Will Increase Your Influence” – How can excellence in what you do allow you to make a Kingdom impact?

You work with God.

- How can you take on the challenge to “Take God to Work This Week”? Talk about ways you can practically make a difference Monday-Friday this week.

WRAP UP / CLOSE

In light of this teaching, spend some time reflecting and/or discussing the following: *(Leaders: You can either encourage your group to process these questions out loud or let them use these questions to guide further, private reflection.)*

We all likely struggle applying one of the four areas we discussed today to our work lives. Which one is most challenging to you and where do you need to take action this week?

- How does knowing your work is from God change your perspective about your job.
- What is one way you can "work on assignment" for God?
- What is one way that you can point people to Jesus tomorrow morning?
- How are you preparing yourself to bring God with you to work this week before you run out the door?