

THE GOSPEL IN THE WORKPLACE

Colossians 3.22-4.1

WORK IS GOOD

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Work was part of the creation when God said that everything He saw was "good." We were made in God's image, and God is a worker. So question isn't necessarily what we do, but how and why we do it.

**You may be the primary means of
God's grace in your co-workers lives.**

MISSIONARIES IN THE WORKPLACE

1 Peter 2.4, 5, 9, 10 // 1 Corinthians 7.17-24 // Titus 2.9, 10

**"Preach the Gospel, use words if necessary."
Cute...but wrong.**

Falsely accredited to St. Francis of Assisi, who happened to be a fiery Gospel preacher, this phrase de-emphasizes the necessary sharing of the Gospel, which, by Greek definition, is "good news."

**No matter where you work or what you do, where you serve or
where you socialize, at the end of the day,
you are the mail man.**

Romans 10.13-17 // 2 Corinthians 5.17-21

HOW DO WE DO IT?

As servants, are we are either...

- **Selfish:** the most disatisfying of them all.
- **Selective:** serving when it's convenient. Lasts for a time but ultimately fails.
- **Servant of All:** Gospel-fueled and Christ-like, you get joy from giving because you have been given so much. **Romans 12.10-21**

**Serving God by serving people is a means for
God's grace in our life. It is one of the benefits of being in
community; we get to Image God by being
generous, gracious, and giving.**



NOTES:

Other Suggested Resources:

A blog article by Pastor John Piper on how to glorify God at work.
www.desiringgod.org/blog/posts/how-to-glorify-god-at-work

Daily Devotionals:

Monday: Colossians 3.22-4.1 // Genesis 2.15
Tuesday: 1 Peter 2.4, 5, 9, 10
Wednesday: 1 Corinthians 7.17-24
Thursday: Titus 2.9-11
Friday: Romans 10.13-17 // 2 Corinthians 5.17-21
Saturday: Romans 12.10-17

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

SERVING FAIR, NEXT SUNDAY - FEB 23RD

Join Us **NEXT SUNDAY** Right After Service for our **Serving Fair**, where you can meet the leaders, ask questions, learn more about the different ministry opportunities where you can **take your next step in faith** and get plugged in!

GPS MEETING MARCH 3RD

Join us on **Monday the 3rd at 7PM** here at the church for our quarterly GPS (Gospel Positioning Strategy) Meeting. We'll have a time of worship, prayer, and looking ahead to see where God is moving us forward as a church. Childcare will be provided. **Please let us know on your Connection Card** if you plan to join us and what your childcare needs are, so we can plan accordingly.

BAPTISM, PARENT DEDICATIONS, & PICNIC!

On **March 9th** we are having a **Baptism** as well as **parent's publicly dedicating themselves** to raise their children in the Gospel! Afterward, we'll celebrate with a **Picnic on the grassy field!** If you haven't been baptized, would like to participate in the dedications, or would like more info on either, **write it on your Connection Card and drop it off at the Connection Booth!**

MEN'S MINISTRY - MARCH 24TH

We're launching our **Men's Ministry** led by Pastor Jobey on Monday, March 24th! We will meet **every other Monday at 7PM**. The location is To Be Decided based on the size of the group. So **PLEASE help us plan by signing up** at the Connection Booth TODAY!

JUNIOR HIGH & HIGH SCHOOL

Our **junior highers (7th & 8th graders)** meet in the last classroom by the blacktop. They will join the adults for worship as a group, then head back to their class for the rest of service. Our **high school students** stay in service with the adults each week.

SAVE.

Jesus was sent to save. We have been saved to be sent. We are sent into our community to share the Good News that Christ came to save us, and we hope to see many who find new life.

EQUIP.

We want to equip those very people in the Word so that they can continue to grow as disciples of Christ. From our preschool to our adults, our passion is to see everyone equipped in the Gospel to live a life of freedom and joy.

SEND.

Lastly, we then want to see those equipped people sent into their community and world. From schools and playgrounds, to families and work places, we want to see people who are spiritual leaders in their life, showing people the truth of Christ's Good News.

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COMMUNITY GROUP HOMEWORK

Read **Colossians 3.22-4.1**. What stuck out to you the most or was the most impactful from the message on Sunday or from these verses? _____

A couple weeks back during the marriage sermon, Jobey read **John 13.2-17**. How does Jesus' example and words come against our natural inclinations not just in our marriages, but also in our work places? _____

Looking at the three "categories" of serving at the bottom of the sermon notes, which are you most like? _____

If you live in the first two, what "objections" does your heart usually bring to mind when given the opportunity to serve others? Time, money, a "what's in it for me" attitude, something else? _____

Do you want that to change? _____

Really? _____

Because let's face it, most people want their circumstances to change. Would you rather have your circumstances change (job, certain relationships, marital health, etc.), or have your heart change? _____

What do you think you need for this change to take place? How do you become more sacrificial and servant hearted? Here's a hint, if you were with us at the beginning of the Colossians series, you wrote the "answer" right next to **Chapter 1** of **Colossians** in your bible.. _____

Last week, Jobey read **Titus 2.11, 12**. Now read **Titus 9-14**. Seeing this bigger context, what do we notice about how we, as servants in the work place and everywhere else, see change really happen? _____

Read **1 Corinthians 7.17-24**. In these amazing verses, what does Paul say about where you are currently "stationed" as an ambassador and "mail man" for Christ?

How are you currently "adorning the Gospel" with your work? _____

What would you like prayer for when it comes to working unto the glory of God in your place of work? A better attitude of thankfulness, contentment, boldness in sharing your faith, a specific co-worker, serving in the church, being a servant in your home? _____

Break up into groups and spend time in prayer, praying for each other in these things.