

## **WALK: Taking Steps Toward Maturity in Christ**

“Bosses and Employees” (Ephesians 6:5-9)

Community Group Curriculum for the week of May 24, 2015

## Big Picture

A 2013 survey asked 8,000 workers if they were happy to go to work. The results: 84% said yes but 16% responded they hated their job! How is your attitude towards your job? Two times in Ephesians 6:5-9, Paul mentions the heart as it relates to work. The emphasis was that we not be content going to work every day just to complete tasks and earn a living, but it is far more important to have our heart in our work to be pleasing to the Lord.

## Let's Dig In!

1. Read Ephesians 6:5-9. Choose one verse or phrase from this passage that stands out to you and discuss it in your group.
  2. We've all seen the impact of a co-worker or employee who was just not happy about their job. How would you describe their actions and attitudes? What impact did this person have on those around them?
  3. Work has been around a long time. Take a look at these verses (Genesis 2:15, 3:17-19; Exodus 35:30-35) and answer the following:
    - a) Who created us to work?
    - b) What were the consequences for our sin as it relates to our work?
    - c) Where do our unique skills and abilities come from?
  4. What are some of your unique skills and abilities in which you have been gifted? How are you able to use them in your daily job? Are they skills that can be used in service at RCC?

5. Ephesians 6:7 is very clear on for whom we are actually working. How does knowing this principle change your view of work? Is there something you are doing in your job today that you need to change? How can Colossians 3:23-24 and 1 Corinthians 10:31 be applied to your daily job?
6. Have you had an employer who treated you especially well? What did they do differently? Paul's command to the masters or employers is clear: they must treat those under them with care and respect because even the masters have someone over them. Take a look at these verses about biblical leadership and list the key principles found in each: Matthew 20:28; Mark 10:42-45; John 13:12-15; Colossians 4:1; Philippians 2:3-8.
7. The apostle Paul did not just address the workers. In verse 9 he also speaks to the bosses. What attitude is Paul addressing here? Why is it important for a Christian employer to be a good boss?

### **Pray**

Pray that in all you do you would serve "wholeheartedly," as if you were serving the Lord.

### **Final Thought**

Your relationship with Christ must be the primary foundation for how you relate at work. A believer's life should honor the Lord and set us apart from the unsaved. If we live like the world does, our witness will be compromised, especially in the workplace. It will not reflect the high principles of God, nor can God use our lives to teach others.