



WORK PT.2: GLORY

If you have a pattern of having someone share their *Story of Faith* (life before Jesus, encountering Jesus, life since/lately with Jesus) and/or sharing *Evidences of God's grace*, begin with that, followed by a time of thankful prayer for Christ's work in the individual's life/the grace in your lives.

OPENING COMMENT

Applying our Christian faith to all of life is a crucial part of our discipleship to Jesus. And since we spend so much of our time at our jobs, connecting our faith to our work is critically important. The Bible tells us that whatever it is we do, we should work hard at it for the Lord and for His glory.

READ THE TEXT: Colossians 3:22-24

²²Bondservants, obey in everything those who are your earthly masters, not by way of eye-service, as people-pleasers, but with sincerity of heart, fearing the Lord. ²³Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men, ²⁴knowing that from the Lord you will receive the inheritance as your reward. You are serving the Lord Christ.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Johann Sebastian Bach signed his music *J.S.B S.D.G.* The first set of initials are his, the second set are short for the Latin phrase, *Soli Deo Gloria* or *To God alone be the Glory*. When it comes to your work, what would it look like for *what you do* and *how you do it* to be *Soli Deo Gloria*?
2. Colossians 3:23 says to work hard for your boss named Jesus, not Joe or Rick or Gladys. Does that change anything about how you approach and do your job? How so?



3. What are some ways that you can work distinctively as a Christian in your job?
4. We sometimes wrongly assume that the only way that we can work *Christianly* is by *witnessing* to our co-workers. As we have discovered, work itself done well is glorifying to God. That said, how does the *Great Commission* (the command given to Christians to make disciples) play a role in your work?
5. Do you see your work as an essential part of your discipleship to Jesus and as a primary way that you join Him in His work of renewal? If not, what would it look like to join Jesus in His work of renewal through your work?
6. In conclusion, having spent the past two Sunday sermons and the following Life Group discussion time focusing on a *Theology of Work*, what is the *Theology of Work for Monday Morning* that you are going to apply to your profession as a Christian? In other words, summarize everything you've taken from this brief series on work and apply it to how you will now go about your job.

CONCLUSION

Whether we wash dishes, cars, or dogs; raise kids or chickens (or kids and chickens); build bridges (literally or figuratively); run for office or clean offices; we can glorify God in our work. We do that in a myriad of ways, including working hard for Jesus, doing good work, working to benefit others, as a testimony to others, and ultimately, glorifying God in our work.

SHARE & PRAY

- Share how you can pray for each other in your work.
- Ask the group how they intend to get involved in the planting of new campuses in the coming months (going, staying, serving, giving, etc.) and pray that God would give us much grace as a church to fulfill the work He has called us to together.
- Conclude by spending some time praying for one another, for the areas of growth and grace you are seeking, and the needs among you.

