

WORK FOR CHRIST

Small Group Curriculum

INTRODUCTION

Your Christian life is to be an amazing paradox! You are to lose your life so you can gain it. That means a disciple of Jesus Christ has given up their rights and demands, and now lives for Him above all else. When you strive to love others through what Christ has done for you, you will grow in your relationship with Him. In fact, you are specifically created and gifted by God to participate as a faithful instrument of His to “engage in Kingdom responsibility.”

As a worker needs tools to get their job done well, God has given you tools for building His kingdom through the body of Christ. If you steward your God-given gifts and resources for others, you will fulfill your true calling. The paradox will come to fruition as you sacrifice yourself and gain what nothing in this world can compare to in Christ!

This runs against the ways of the world and your natural selfishness. This is a supernatural way of living by serving and giving to others out of your love for God. Seeking to worship and walk with Christ will help you to grow in working for Him. “Do you understand what I have done to you? You call me Teacher and Lord, and you are right, for so I am. If I then, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another’s feet. For I have given you an example, that you should do just as I have done to you.” (John 13:12-15)

WORKING FOR GOD IS AN EXPRESSION OF OUR WORSHIP AND WALK

AS A BELIEVER:

I am gifted to serve (1 Peter 4: 10 - 11)

- My gift is _____ and _____ by God. (1 Corinthians 12:10-11)
- My gift has a _____. (Ephesians 4: 11-13)
- My gift can be _____ or _____ (1 Peter 4:10)

I am not a consumer (1 Corinthians 6: 19 - 20)

- My _____ is not my own. (Acts 20:24)
- My _____ don't rule my life. (Romans 6:12)
- My _____ isn't for serving myself (2 Corinthians 5:15)

I am a neighbor (Romans 13: 9)

- Living _____ (Romans 12: 1)
- Loving _____ (Philippians 2:4)
- Learning _____ (1 Peter 4:10)

Working for Christ is both an _____ and an _____ my walk with Christ.

GROUP DISCUSSION

1. How effective would our church be if every attendee were fully engaged in working for Christ?

2. What do you think holds most people back from serving more regularly?

3. What benefit have you personally experienced from serving the Lord in the ways we discussed today?

4. In what ways are you currently serving in the church?

5. How are you maximizing your gifts in service to the Lord?

BREAKOUT/ACCOUNTABILITY

1. What is your spiritual gift?

2. How can you develop your gifts to be more effective in making disciples and bringing glory to God? Make a specific plan.
