



Growth Group Discussion Questions

Lesson: DO ALL TO THE GLORY OF GOD

Key Bible Verses: Matthew 6:1-4; Matthew 5:43-48; Colossians 3:15-17;

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GETTING TO KNOW YOU

- What has God shown you during the COVID-19 pandemic?
- What do you miss most about not being able to gather at the church building?

DISCUSSION

We should seek to glorify God in all that we do. In addition, we must resist the temptation to do work for our own glory or to be recognized by other people.

1. What comes to mind when you hear the word work?
2. Why do we get upset when somebody else gets credit for our work?

Read Matthew 6:1-4 (NIV): "*Be careful not to practice your righteousness in front of others to be seen by them. If you do, you will have no reward from your Father in heaven. So when you give to the needy, do not announce it with trumpets, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and on the streets, to be honored by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward in full. But when you give to the needy, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, so that your giving may be in secret. Then your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you.*"

1. In the passage above, Jesus is talking about the work of giving to the poor. What is Jesus trying to get us to understand from this passage?
2. What are some other types of works we should be willing to do without getting upset over not being recognized for it or even having others recognized and not being included?
3. Why do most people in the Church seem to prefer recognition from people rather than finding satisfaction in recognition from God?

Read Matthew 5:43-48:

1. Love is a type of work. It's probably the number one job of a Christian. What kind of love do you think God wants us to have for our enemies? What does that look like in trying to love a husband that is abusive, a parent that is mean, a child that is rebellious, or a co-worker trying to get your job?
2. Why doesn't God just do good things for the good people and leave the bad ones out? Why pour out blessings on those who want nothing to do with God?

Read Colossians 3:15-17:

1. How often during the day do you take time to simply say thank you to God?
2. How do you see God in the work you do each day whether it be at home, at school, or on a job?
3. Does God really care about the quality of work we do so long as we simply get it done? Why or why not?

To glorify God requires full commitment to Him. Read Colossians 3:23: "*Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters.*" As you go about working to the glory of God, remember that God has ordained work as a stewardship of His created world (Genesis 1:28; Genesis 2:15). He has designed work for His good and for our good. Hence, whether you are working on a job or working in the Church, we must be good stewards and glorify God in all that we do.

How might we glorify God at work or in ministry? Below is a brief list of ways that we can keep our minds stayed on doing all that we do to the glory of God.

1. Believe that all legitimate work or ministry efforts are holy or unholy before God based on our faith, not the nature of the work itself.
2. Be prayerfully dependent upon God, pouring contempt on self-sufficiency.
3. Grow in your skill set, work hard, and strive for excellence in daily work or ministry efforts.
4. Exemplify love for your neighbor in how you interact with your colleagues and/or fellow Christians.
5. Plan ahead and sincerely preface future tasks with "if God wills."
6. In your daily walk of life, speak the gospel to everyone that you come in contact with.
7. Work as unto the Lord and not unto men.
8. Focus on the work that God has given you.
9. Speak words of grace.

Things to Remember:

- God created us for His glory.
- In all that we do, we must do it unto God.
- We should not be simply concerned about getting recognition from man.
- God wants us to do good deeds in secret and He will reward us.
- Love is a type of work and it is probably the number one job of a Christian.
- We must commit daily to bringing God glory.

Prayer Focus:

Ask God to help you do all things for His glory.