



“Gospel-Centered Labor”

Colossians 3:22 – 4:1

LISTEN

Record your insights and observations from this week’s sermon:

SHARE

Who are a few of your heroes?

REFLECT

- a) Read Colossians 3:22-4:1 and Ephesians 6:5-9.
- b) Is Paul condoning slavery in this passage? Why do you think that?

- c) In his sermon, Mike made the point that the slave-master relationship discussed in these Biblical passages is analogous to the employee-employer relationship. What similarities and differences between the two relationships do you see?

- d) Why is our work glorifying to God?

e) What attitudes and actions does God expect from workers?

f) What attitudes and actions does God expect from employers?

APPLY

a) When it comes to your job, what song title best expresses your attitude?

- ___ “Rainy Days and Mondays Always Get Me Down”
- ___ “Take This Job and Shove It”
- ___ “Whistle While You Work”
- ___ “Eight Days a Week”
- ___ “Heaven Came Down and Glory Filled My Soul”
- ___ “She Works Hard for the Money”
- ___ “Working for the Weekend”
- ___ Other: _____

b) Why is work such an idol for many people? Is it an idol for you?

c) How does this passage of Scripture beg for a Redeemer?

d) **For employees:** After studying Colossians 3:22-25, what changes in attitude or behavior do you believe God may be calling you to make?

e) **For employers:** After studying Colossians 4:1 and Ephesians 6:9, what changes in the way you manage your employees do you believe God may be calling you to make?

PRAY

a) Pray for Assistant to the Pastor Seth Hammond. He will go before Presbytery this Tuesday for his final round of questioning for ordination.

b) Pray for the many people in our church who are unemployed, that God will provide a job for them very soon.

c) Ask God to make our Life Groups places of genuine community, and to help us expand their reach into our congregation. Our goal for 2008-'09 is to move from 50% adult participation in Life Groups to 65%.