Life Team Notes

**Ekklesia: Church Blueprint - week of 10/8**

**Hang**

* If you had to eat one meal a day at the same restaurant and two meals a day at the same fast food chain for 30 days, which restaurant and fast food chain would you choose and why?
* Describe one of your earliest paying jobs. How did you get involved in it?
* Do you love your job? Why or why not?
* Was there anything that stood out or confused you from Sunday?

**Hear**

IF YOUR BOSSS: Work Highlights from Sunday

(leaders refer to slave comments from Sunday is needed)

1 Timothy 6:1-2,

* **IF YOUR BOSS IS A JERK** - Respect & Obey Anyway
1. Have you ever had a difficult boss? How did you deal them?
2. How does respecting and obeying your boss look for you?
3. How do you think this makes God look good?

Ephesians 6:5-8

1. Which of these attitudes and actions do you find hardest to live out? Why?
* **IF YOUR BOSS IS A BELIEVER** - Never take advantage of the relationship
* Have you ever been taken advantage of at work because you are a Christian? How?
* Have you ever taken advantage of your boss because they were a Christian?
* How does this reflect badly on our character?

WHEN WORK ISN’T WORKING OUT: Two Key Questions

* What job do you think you could do your whole life? Why?
* Sunday, it was said that there are no perfect job do you agree or disagree? Why?
1. **Am I being asked to do anything unethical?**

2 Timothy 3:12, Daniel 1 & 6/

* If Yes: Obey God, not man – accept the consequences.
* If No: Obey the boss.
1. **Can I quit?**
2. Have you ever quit a job? Why?
3. Was it hard or easy? Did you have a job to go to?

1 Corinthians 7:17,21-24; Psalm 15:1-4; Philippians 4:11-13

* **If Yes:** Move on.
* **If No:** Make the most of it.

**Eternal pursuits**

Paul wraps up 1 Timothy with a look to eternity. He mentions that work, money, success, savings, and possessions are all temporary. We cannot take any of this “stuff” with us to eternity, but we can send it ahead.

Matthew 6:19-21

* What do you think that means?
* We live in a society where most people enjoy many material possessions. What would be a non-essential material possession that would be easy for you to give up? Name one that would be more challenging to give up besides your residence or vehicle.

Paul, (writer of 1 Timothy), understands the tension we experience to pursue God when we are surrounded by so much to chase in this life. That’s why he writes “Fight the good fight of the faith.” (1 Timothy 6:12)

**The dilemma: Our pursuit of financial gain tells us the lie that its return is more rewarding than the pursuit of God and making an eternal investment.**

* What does this passage tell you that you gain in the pursuit of God that no material possession will give you?

**Psalm 112:1-9, 1 Timothy 6:11, 18-19**

* When you think of what you gain living for God, how does it compare to what the world offers?
* Is investing in eternity worth it? Why?
* How do you use what you have for the kingdom?

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