

# Lead Like Jesus At Work

Sermon Based Small Groups

## Introductions (pick one or two):

- 1) What is or was your favorite job?
- 2) Have you ever witnessed for Christ at work?
- 3) What is one thing that happened at work that you will always remember?

## Getting into the Word:

The book of Ephesians is a letter that Paul wrote to the church in Ephesus. Paul wrote this letter from prison (59-61 AD) to teach the believers about the church. The book of Ephesians is commonly called the "church book". The first half of this letter tells the believers what the church is, and the second half tells them what involved in being a member of the church is. [Today](#), we will look at the second half of the letter about what is involved with being a member in the church, and how being a believer effects the way one lives in their marriage and raises their children.

## Read Ephesians 6: 5-9: Here is a commentary on this passage.

The duty of servants is summed up in one word, obedience. The servants of old were generally slaves. The apostles were to teach servants and masters their duties, in doing which evils would be lessened, till slavery should be rooted out by the influence of Christianity. Servants are to reverence those over them. They are to be sincere; not pretending obedience when they mean to disobey, but serving faithfully. And they must serve their masters not only when their master's eye is upon them; but must be strict in the discharge of their duty, when he is absent and out of the way. Steady regard to the Lord Jesus Christ will make men faithful and sincere in every station, not grudgingly or by constraint, but from a principle of love to the masters and their concerns. This makes service easy to them, pleasing to their masters, and acceptable to the Lord Christ. God will reward even the meanest drudgery done from a sense of duty, and with a view to glorify him. Here is the duty of masters. Act after the same manner. Be just to servants, as you expect they should be to you; show the like good-will and concern for them, and be careful herein to approve yourselves to God. Be not tyrannical and overbearing. You have a Master to obey, and you and they are but fellow-servants in respect to Christ Jesus. If masters and servants would consider their duties to God, and the account they must shortly give to him, they would be more mindful of their duty to each other, and thus families would be more orderly and happy.

## Additional readings: Genesis 2:15, Genesis 3:17, Exodus 20:9-10, John 6:27

## Scripture Questions:

In your discussion of the text and the sermon, please use the questions that are most helpful for you to better understand the core teaching of the text.

What was Paul's intent in writing these things to the believers in Ephesus?

How does it fit into the book of Ephesians as a whole?

Why do you think Paul tells the believers to obey their earthly masters?  
What does this have to do with the Gospel Message?

Why are we to serve wholeheartedly?  
How has this concept relate to the American culture?

What does this reading say about our earthly position?

What does it mean to obey with sincerity of heart?

How is the Gospel Message intertwined in this text?  
How is this view of work different then the one in our culture?

What is God saying in this text?

### **Discussion Questions:**

What part of the sermon really made you think?

What does God say about work and His design of work?

How can you glorify God at work?

What is one way that you live your faith out at work?

What was the influence of your bosses/supervisors on your faith?

What is your influence on others at your work place?

What motivates you to work and why?

What is God's motivation for us to work?

How does work affect our family life, organization, and faith?

Is work evil or good, and why?

How is the way we work important [today](#)?

### **Prayer:**

Remember to pray for each other and for those in your work place.

### **For Further Study:**

**Lead Like Jesus, Ken Blanchard**

**Spiritual Leadership, J. Oswald Sanders**

**Love and Respect, Dr. Emerson Eggerichs**

**Raising Modern Day Knights, Robert Lewis**

**The Servant, James Hunter**

**Leadership Summit (DVD), Bill Hybels, Willow Creek Community Church**

**Developing the Leader within You, John Maxwell**