

Work, Home and You

LifeGroup Lesson

February 5, 2017

1 Thessalonians 4:10-12

OPENING PRAYER:

Gracious Heavenly Father. We say that we want to live for you yet, we constantly compartmentalize our lives so that we can include you in some places and keep you out of others. We know in our heads and in our hearts that you are everywhere we go yet, we think that there are places where we can act in some other way than a Christian is supposed to act. We are sorry when we allow the geographical location of our bodies to control the spiritual life of our souls. Guide us into abundant life in you. Help us to worship you in spirit and truth no matter where we are, who we are with, or any other earthly distraction. In Jesus Name we pray. Amen.

BREAKING THE ICE:

- What did you agree/disagree with the LifeTalk this week?
- When did you have one of those moments where you caught yourself being anything but a Christian either at work, at home or at play?

WRESTLING WITH THE WORD:

Read 1 Thessalonians 4:10-12.

- What jumps out at you in this scripture?
- Jesus challenges us to see him in other people. How can you love in such a way that non-believers who be impressed or interested in what makes you act the way you do?

Read the following scripture. What does it teach you about how to transform your life?

²³ ***Work willingly at whatever you do, as though you were working for the Lord rather than for people. Colossians 3:23 New Living Translation***

CLOSING POSSIBILITIES:

- How will your life be different based upon what you have learned in this week's scripture, lesson and/or LifeTalk?
- How can the group pray for you this week?

NEXT STEPS:

- The teaching notes this week asked, "How can I put love first?" Answer this question. How will you live this out?
- Take an honest inventory of your life. Where do you need balance? What steps can you take to rectify the imbalance?

PRAYER FOR THE WEEK:

O God, as the day returns and brings us the petty round of irritating duties, help us to perform them with laughter and kind faces; let cheerfulness abound with industry; give us to go blithely on our business all this day; bring us to our resting beds weary and content and undishonored; and grant us in the end the gift of sleep. Amen. ---Robert Louis Stevenson, (1850-1894)