

LIFE GROUP LESSON January 6 to January 12, 2019

Our Motivation for Serving

Colossians 3:22-25

●WELCOME God's People (15 minutes)

●**WORSHIP God (10 minutes** – song, reading of Psalms or prayers of thanks/praise). You can use prayers of thanksgiving or adoration as your time of worship

●Live by God's **WORD** (45 minutes)

Oftentimes we think serving the Lord is limited to something done in the church—such as working in the nursery, teaching Sunday school, or singing in the choir. But God's view of service encompasses everything we do, wherever we are. No matter who is the object of our service, we are ultimately serving the Lord.

This principle described can be applied to employees—as well as to every person and situation in our life. Knowing that we serve Christ will ...

Affect the quality of our work. Although we may be tempted to give an employer half-hearted service and mediocre effort, none of us would do that to Christ. If we'll keep Him foremost in our thoughts, we will become His faithful ambassadors by doing our best for those we serve.

Guard our attitude. Regardless of the way others treat us or the demands they make of us, working "heartily, as for the Lord" ([Col. 3:23](#)) melts away bitterness and purifies our motives. Then our goal will be to please Christ in all we do.

Prevent discouragement. If we're seeking approval for our efforts, we're going to be consistently disappointed when it doesn't come. But since the Lord never overlooks our service, we can persevere, knowing He's the one who will someday reward us.

When it comes to work, commitment to Christ must be our motivation rather than feelings. If we ask God to empower our efforts and watch over our attitude, grumbling will turn to joy, and our service will be pleasing to Him.

.Suggested Questions for Discussion and Growth

1. What motivates you to serve?
2. What needs to change about you to serve God?

●Impact God's **WORLD** (20 min)

1. Think about ways to grow your group and give birth to a new group.
2. Pray for your lost relatives, co-workers. Ask the Lord to help be a good example.
3. Your group might think about visiting an elderly person or couple.

ANNOUNCEMENTS – 3 minutes:

1. Share: ●any planned group activity ●important church announcements ●next meeting time
2. Keep a copy of the church bulletin to help remind the group of important events.

CLOSING – Please turn in your attendance each week. It helps us evaluate our progress.