

I LOVE MY JOB



For Group Discussion

Answer these questions prior to your Small Group meeting this week.

Introduction

Based on research, most Americans are dissatisfied with their job. That's sad because we spend so much of our lives at work. Unfortunately, when we voice our dissatisfaction to others we often hear unhelpful advice like, "Suck it up! Welcome to the real world," or "Why don't you just quit?" What if there is another option? What if we could learn to love the job we have? What if we could change our perspective and recognize that work is a place where our faith can be demonstrated and developed? Then, maybe we could learn to love our jobs.

Discussion Questions

1. According to a recent Gallup poll, 70% of Americans hate or are completely disengaged in their jobs, and only 30% are engaged and satisfied. Why do you think this is so? Where do you fall? Why?
2. Read Proverbs 17:22. One way to begin finding joy at work is to get prepared with a great morning routine. In the space below, write out the steps of your normal morning routine. Share with the group why you do what you do as you prepare to start your day.

Do you notice anything in your normal morning routine that hinders you from preparing well for the day ahead? What's missing from your routine that would help you prepare to give your best? What would you have to do to change your routine?

3. Read Psalm 147:12-14. The Bible often references God's provision in protecting and feeding His people, which led Martin Luther to the conclusion that God distributes His favor and blessing through the work we do. Tell the group about the work you do, and then let the group reflect to you why and how the work you do adds value to our lives.

Danny said, "All work that is done well and helps people has dignity." How can this perspective help you learn to love your job?

4. Read Colossians 3:17 & 23. Your job is the place and the means of your discipleship to Jesus. How do your faith and work-life interact? How can the difficulties, challenges, and stresses you experience at work help shape your faith? Share some opportunities you have to more effectively represent Jesus

Small Group Questions Continued
in your workplace?

What steps will you take this week to learn to love your job?

OUTREACH: GROUPS IN ACTION

OUR CHURCH

The Children's Ministry provides exciting interactive environments for kids that include crafts, Bible storytelling, and worship. We have many opportunities to serve available for men and women as well as Middle School and High School students. Positions include classroom volunteers, buddies for children with special needs, check-in volunteers, storyteller/host/worship leaders, production volunteers for audio/visual/lights, and setup and teardown help on Saturday evenings and Sunday afternoons. Contact Nicole Zieniewicz at nzieniewicz@eclife.org. for more info or visit eclife.org to register.

OUR COMMUNITY

Do you have any new or gently used shoes that you could donate? As a small group, ask your family and friends to donate and bring your donations to your campus during the weekend services. Shoes will be collected this weekend and next weekend (September 3/4 & 10/11). All shoes will be donated to a ministry that distributes them to people in need. For more information, email Kerry Jones at kjones@eclife.org.

OUR WORLD

A team from Emmanuel leaves for Nicaragua in October and is partnering with Hope Road Nicaragua. Consider going on this trip, sponsoring someone that is going, or providing prayer notes for the team who will go. For additional information, contact Kerry Jones at kjones@eclife.org.

Action Step

Fill in the blanks below for this upcoming week.

My action steps are _____
_____.

I'm accountable for _____, and their action steps are _____.

My memory verse is _____.

This coming week, I'm praying for: