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SUNDAY SCHOOL ASSIGNMENT AND STUDY GUIDE

Date: Sunday, March 19, 2023

Series: Soul Winning

Lesson Title: How to Reach Your Co-Workers for Christ

Instructions For This Week:

1. Take this week to study your Sunday School lesson prior to coming to class.
2. Do the homework assignments throughout this study guide.
3. Bring the list of those you are praying to reach – we will be praying over the lists during class.
4. Bring this study guide along with your answers to class.

See you there!

HOW TO REACH YOUR CO-WORKERS FOR CHRIST

One of the wonderful things about being in the workplace is that we're put in a position to reach countless people who don't know Jesus. But how should we go about doing that? What should we keep in mind as we think about workplace evangelism?

FIRST, YOU ARE EMPLOYED TO DO A CERTAIN JOB, AND NOT TO BE AN EVANGELIST.

As followers of Christ, there are many reasons why we should be eager to share our faith in all circumstances. However, in the case of our workplace there is one other consideration. As employees, we have made a commitment to yield to our employer the full benefit of our services for a given amount of time.

However, God works in the realms of relationships. If you are spending time with your co-workers 8 hours a day and 5 days a week... you are going to have some kind of relationship. So, if you have a relationship with them, they are going to experience the Christ in you. There will be times where you will have opportunities to share Christ and invite them to church. And, other times that they will see the example of your faith.

Paul says in 2 Corinthians 3:2, "Ye are our epistle written in our hearts, known and read of all men:"

PUT GOD ON THE TABLE

Let people know in natural, easygoing, confident ways that you're a Christian. Why do so many believers try to keep their Christianity a secret?

When someone asks what you did over the weekend, tell them you went to church. Bring it up in some way. Don't just mumble; make sure you identify yourself publicly with Jesus. Let people know somehow you're a Christian and don't mentally censor your Christianity out of your interactions and conversations. You'll be amazed at how often people will take the opportunity to press in on the little piece of information you've just offered. People are often more interested in spiritual things than you think. They just need a bit of permission from you to feel free to talk about it.

Assignment:

1. When talking with co-workers, we want to identify ourselves _____ with Jesus.
2. Don't mentally censor your _____ out of your interactions and conversations.

STRIVE FOR EXCELLENCE IN YOUR JOB

There is a relationship between business and professional excellence and one's ability to influence and impact those around them. As a rule, the better you are at your business or job, the more respect and influence you have. God knows this, of course, and offers this direction to us:

Colossians 3:23 says,

“And whatsoever ye do, do it heartily, as to the Lord, and not unto men;”

The goal here is to stand out from those around us through our character and excellent work - and in doing so we bring glory to God. Excellence in our work expands our influence, increases our credibility and provides us with visibility in our industries.

On the flip-side, if you are always late, always arguing, and never finishing tasks, well, it's not likely that you will be excellent in your job or very influential.

Assignment:

1. When it comes to your co-workers, how does your conduct in the workplace impact your evangelism efforts?

2. The goal in your workplace is to stand out from those around you through your _____ and _____ work.

WALK YOUR TALK

Your life must reflect a positive testimony for Jesus Christ. If you are known to be a Christian in your workplace, you will be carefully (and sometimes

unfairly) scrutinized. Your integrity, the quality of your work, your behavior in relationship to fellow employees, your language, your attitude—all of these will influence your co-workers' opinion of Christianity.

If you are not respected for the quality of your Christian life, it would be better for you not to identify yourself as a Christ-follower. A Christian with a negative testimony is much worse in the context of unbelievers than not being a Christian at all.

Assignment:

1. Your life must reflect a _____ for Jesus Christ.

2. List 3 of the character qualities that will influence your co-workers' opinion of Christianity:
 - _____
 - _____
 - _____

3. A Christian with a _____ is much worse in the context of unbelievers than not being a Christian at all.