

Message: God's Work Ethic and Money Principles (04-25-22)

Use the message and the message notes and message help guide your answers and discussion for group.

Helpful Hints:

The primary goal of Small Groups has always been to help Christ Followers grow stronger in their walk by having fellowship with one another. We want each member to hear the word of God, retain it, internalize it, and most importantly apply it. One of the ways we grow as Christ Followers is to make sure we strive each day to align ourselves with the word of God. Here are some tips to help us all make sure we are continuing to strive to align ourselves with the word of God, and His instructions for His followers.

(Exodus 24:7, John 14:23, Deuteronomy 5:33)

- Before you meet watch the message again on our YouTube page (Now Word Covenant Church)
 - It is important to watch it again because there are things you miss the first time that you can get when you watch again.
- Use scripture to back up your answers during discussion. Try not to give your opinion as it pertains to the word of God. If everyone in the group gives a different answer, then it is probably opinion and not Bible.
- Try not to start your answer with "I think...". Instead ask "What does God's word say about this?" Always refer to the word of God, which is the answer to every question.
- If no one knows the answer, it is okay to say, "I don't know". Do some studying before the next meeting and be ready to share your answers.

Pre-Discussion Questions:

1. Do you consider yourself to have a good work ethic, why or why not?

Discus	ssion Questions:
1.	What did the Holy Spirit reveal to you from Sunday's message?
2.	According to scripture and the message what is the definition of work ethic?
3.	What are the first two works God gave us? Define each of them.
4.	Explain and discuss the following quote: "Our work ethic matters to God because we are united with Him
	so we can continue His works of <u>creation</u> and <u>salvation</u> ."
5.	What keeps people from having a good work ethic?
6.	" God provides us with unique skills, gifts, and talents, so we can cultivate our works to yield provision an
o.	prosperity." What unique skills has God given you that yields provision and prosperity?
7.	Is your current occupation where you are called to be or are you only there for a paycheck?
8.	Occupational and Vocational Works: God will use your <u>occupational</u> paid work to support the <u>vocational</u> unpaid work that He is calling for you to do in His name. What unpaid work are you doing to advance the kingdom of God on earth? How has vocational work blessed you in ways your occupational work has not? (1 Thessalonians 2:9)

2. If you have a great work ethic, where would you say you got it from?

9.	How can your godly work ethic be a witness to the unsaved on your job?
10.	"Work is good, but rest is sacred" What does this mean?
11.	What do you do to make sure your work and rest rhythm stays aligned?
12.	What have you learned about work ethic that you plan to apply to your life immediately?