



Discussion Guide

“Work Stinks!”

Week of 3/4/2012

The Point: Work That Will Last is Focused on Things That Will Matter.

Ecclesiastes 2:17-26

Discussion Questions

- What are two things that stood out to you from this week's Point? (they can be silly, serious, stupid, or spiritual)
- What is the hardest physical job or task that you've ever had to do?
- Do you like your job? Why or why not?
- Have you ever thought about what will happen to your job/position when you're gone? What do you think will happen?
- As you consider Ecclesiastes 2:17-26, why do you think people spend so much time working, even though it won't last?
- According to Mark 12:30, what is supposed to be your highest priority here on earth? Is it yours? How does your job get in the way?
- Ephesians 5:22-6:4 and Deut. 6:4-7 describe our second most important priority in life—what is it? Why do you think this is?
- It has been said that love can be spelled T-I-M-E. How does your time reflect your love & priority of your family vs. your job? Be real--what do you need to do to change this?
- Does your work schedule reflect the priority of connection with God's Church (Heb. 10:24-25)? Why or why not? What do you need to change?
- Sean shared in the Point that doing this will require faith (if God calls these priorities, the He will provide) and hard changes. Does your faith struggle with this? What hard change(s) do you need to make?
- Take some time to pray for your group in these areas.

Thinking Outside the Box

Have someone in your group explain the “holding the rock” illustration that Sean shared in the Point on Sunday, and the meaning behind it.

Bible References

Ecclesiastes 2:17-26(NIV) ...What do people get for all the toil and anxious striving with which they labor under the sun?...

Mark 12:30(NIV) Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.

Ephesians 5:21-25; 6:1-4(NLT) ²¹ And further, submit to one another out of reverence for Christ. ²² For wives, this means submit to your husbands as to the Lord. ²³ For a husband is the head of his wife as Christ is the head of the church. He is the Savior of his body, the church. ²⁴ As the church submits to Christ, so you wives should submit to your husbands in everything. ²⁵ For husbands, this means love your wives, just as Christ loved the church. He gave up his life for her...

¹ Children, obey your parents because you belong to the Lord, for this is the right thing to do. ² “Honor your father and mother.” This is the first commandment with a promise: ³ If you honor your father and mother, “things will go well for you, and you will have a long life on the earth.” ⁴ Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger by the way you treat them. Rather, bring them up with the discipline and instruction that comes from the Lord.

Deuteronomy 6:4-7(NIV) ⁴ Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. ⁵ Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength. ⁶ These commandments that I give you today are to be on your hearts. ⁷ Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up.

Hebrews 10:24-25(NLT) ²⁴ Let us think of ways to motivate one another to acts of love and good works. ²⁵ And let us not neglect our meeting together, as some people do, but encourage one another, especially now that the day of his return is drawing near.