

CHRISTIAN WORK
(God's New Family- Part 17)
May 5, 2024

THE PASSAGE: Ephesians 6:5-9

THE BIBLE AND SLAVERY

WHY WORK MATTERS:

- God _____ and we're made in his image
- Our work impacts our _____

INSTRUCTIONS TO SERVANTS/EMPLOYEES:

- Work _____
- Work _____
- Work _____
- Work _____

INSTRUCTIONS TO MASTERS/EMPLOYERS:

- Do all of the _____
- Do not _____
- Remember your master in heaven- he doesn't _____

Life Group Questions for the Week of May 5, 2024

1. Looking back at your notes from this Sunday's message, was there anything that particularly caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?
2. Why did Paul call bondservants to obey and not to revolt against the institution of slavery?
3. How does God want us to treat all people with whom we work (those in authority over us and under us)?
4. Our work is an opportunity for kingdom influence and impact. As you read the following Proverbs, how it could be applied in your work, school or home environment. Proverbs 10:4; 14:23; 16:26; 22:29; 24:27; 28:19
5. Why did Paul tell slaves to obey their masters, even though he knew that some masters might be unreasonable or unkind (1 Peter 2:18-25)?
6. Why does Paul repeatedly mention that slaves and masters are ultimately accountable to Jesus? How might that knowledge change the relationships between masters and slaves?
7. If we encounter slavery today (in whatever form- domestic slavery, human trafficking, abuse of rights) does this passage encourage to accept the status quo?