

The welcome verse for this week is Psalm 40:3; “He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God. Many will see and fear, and put their trust in the Lord.”



9 – 5 Mission Field

Matthew 28:18-20; Romans 1:16;
Romans 10:13-15

The Bottom Line: You will never be satisfied making a dollar when you were born to make a difference.

Introduction:

Work is a gift from God, for God.

It's difficult to perceive work as a “gift” when we only understand it as a source of income.

What if you could see your workspace as something more? What if you received it as a mission field, given in God's sovereignty to you? What could happen if you decided to leverage your job for the glory of God and the furtherance of the gospel?

Tension:

We live in a post-Christian world that is more and more put off by the gospel.

Many of us would love to be effective witnesses in our workspace, but we don't know how to... especially when our career could be put on the line. This leaves us settling to simply come in, do the work, and leave.

Truth:

It's no wonder that so many Christian believers find depression and dissatisfaction in their work. The place where they spend the most time during the week only serves them in paying bills.

We need a greater purpose, a greater story. And we've been given a purpose that will far extend beyond ourselves.

Read Matthew 28:18-20; “As you are going, make disciples...”

How can we be effective witnesses in our workspace?

1. By our example
2. Through our hospitality
3. In our compassion

We have all been created with the capacity for impact. When we understand work as just something we’re supposed to do, we miss out on the joy of making positive changes in the lives of those around us.

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Application & Conclusion:

Each person steps into a different setting with different roles and different tasks, but we all serve the same mission. This isn’t an easy thing to do, but it is the greatest thing we can do. God has strategically and intentionally placed us throughout our communities to make a difference in the secular world. Let’s not pass on the opportunity.

Next Steps:

- Set an example of integrity this week.
- Take a coworker to dinner this week.
- Serve someone in your workspace this week.

Discussion questions for group this week:

1. **What does this teach me about God?**

2. **What does this teach me about me?**

3. How do I apply this to my life?

4. If I could ask a question about this it would be....