

## Leader Guide

\*Take a few minutes to have icebreakers and share time (5-10 minutes max)

Icebreakers Ideas

-What do you like to do in your free time?

### Week 1 – Colossians 3:22 – 4:1

\*Take 2-5 minutes to read the scripture passage and give a brief summary of some of the highlights/topics covered during this week's sermon. Keep it basic (although if you get a sense that a number of people from the group have not yet heard the sermon – a longer summary may be useful here), this is an opportunity to jog people's memories and get them prepared to share as we get into the questions.

*<sup>22</sup> Slaves, obey your earthly masters in everything; and do it, not only when their eye is on you and to curry their favor, but with sincerity of heart and reverence for the Lord. <sup>23</sup> Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters, <sup>24</sup> since you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward. It is the Lord Christ you are serving. <sup>25</sup> Anyone who does wrong will be repaid for their wrongs, and there is no favoritism.*

***1** Masters, provide your slaves with what is right and fair, because you know that you also have a Master in heaven.*

\*Review Questions (these are good starting points for initiating the conversation, leaders are encouraged to review the sermon and add some of their own thoughts and/or questions to the mix as well).

1. Pastor opened the sermon by talking about slavery, and how people use that as a "knock" against Christianity, what are some of the arguments against Christianity that you hear, and what can we say to them?
2. When it comes to your job, do you feel like God has placed you where you are supposed to be? What steps can we take to better evaluate the circumstances of our jobs?
3. What are some practical ways that we can improve our performance at work? Do you agree that witnessing for the Lord in your work doesn't always involve direct evangelism?

4. What are some of the challenges to living out your faith at work?
5. What are some of the challenges to being under authority? What are some of the challenges to being in a place of authority?
6. What does it look like to be “working for Jesus” in your job/jobs? What areas of life does this apply to outside of employment?

\*At 7:20pm, it may be useful to offer a recap – possibly highlighting a few powerful thoughts or statements that came from your discussion

\*Close with prayer – decide ahead of time what prayer format you may want to use, be ready as the leader to lead the prayer if others are reluctant to pray publicly. Prayer is powerful and it should be a significant component of these small group sessions!

\*Remember, no one should ever hear prolonged silence after making a comment, as the leader try to make sure that each person receives some form of acknowledgement after sharing something.

\*The task of the leader is facilitating conversation, not teaching the sermon all over again. The success of your group will rest more on how much the other members share during your time together.