

Water of Life Community Church

YOUR WORLD, YOUR WORK, YOUR DESTINY

WEEK 3

ACTS 18:3; 1 THESSALONIANS 2:9; COLOSSIANS 3:23-25

LEADER NOTES

Your Participants will only see the text noted in **bold**.

ICE BREAKER

- Do you or have you had a job that was tedious? How do (or did) you handle it?
- What was your first job? Was it more than just a paycheck? Why/ why not?

Most people have had a job that they did not like. Do we learn to appreciate it and tolerate it or do we suffer through it? Today's lesson is about making the best of it.

OPEN IN PRAYER

Heavenly Father, as we study Your Word today, open our hearts and let us hear what You are saying to us. Holy Spirit, fill each of us with Your wisdom and understanding that we may grow and learn to appreciate all that You give us. In Jesus' name, Amen.

WORSHIP

If you're looking for help with worship, head to <https://vimeo.com/album/2977729> and choose a couple of the songs you find there. The password is wolsg. Worship is also available at the beginning of each teaching video on our YouTube channel at mywolgroup.com.

INTRODUCTION

Your work-life or career is important to our Lord. He wants you to be successful in all of your endeavors. Today, we will discuss how your work can be a gift to God as well as a gift from God.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Unpack the biblical text to discover what the Scripture says or means about a particular topic.

1. READ ACTS 18:3 AND 1 THESSALONIANS 2:9.

- a. When you think about Paul, do you imagine him working for his wages?
- b. Paul worked for the glory of God. Is your work-life glorifying God? What motivates you to honor God in your work-life?

Some people might be surprised to read that Paul was a tentmaker and that he worked to earn wages. It seems that everything Paul did was to glorify God. God's love should motivate us.

2. READ COLOSSIANS 3:23-25.

- a. Do you always do your best work? Why or why not?
- b. When you work, are you serving God or people? What is the difference?

There are probably times when we all do less than our best. Let the group discuss ways that serving God through helping people is giving God the glory.

- c. Doing well is a form of worship. What can you do and NOT do to make your work a form of worship?

Answers will vary, but may include Christian discipleship, cheerfulness, kindness, grace and doing your work without resentment or complaining.

PRAYER/MINISTRY TIME

Help your group identify how the truths from the Scripture passage apply directly to their lives.

- James 1:17, "Every good and perfect gift comes from above."
- Are you always aware that your work-life is a gift? How does that change your perspective about even menial tasks?

This is an opportunity to appreciate all that God gives to us.

GOING DEEPER/WEEKLY CHALLENGE

REFLECT

- How can I serve God at work or in my daily walk?

RESPOND

- Spend time thanking God for your work-life. Find opportunities to serve God by helping others.

Also ... Subscribe to our e-devotionals by texting "edevotional" to 67076; or go to wolgroups.com and click on the eDevotional button for daily testimonies relating to this week's theme.

MEMORY VERSE

Colossians 3:23, Whatever you do, do your work heartily, as for the Lord and not for people,

COMMENTARY

For further commentary visit:

<https://www.biblestudytools.com/commentaries/gills-exposition-of-the-bible/acts-18-3.html>

<https://www.biblestudytools.com/commentaries/gills-exposition-of-the-bible/1-thessalonians-2-9.html>

<https://www.biblestudytools.com/nas/colossians/3-24.html>