

## QUESTIONS FOR STUDY AND DISCUSSION

1. Of the various activities in your life, what percentage of your weekly time is spent at or in work? On a scale of 1 to 10, how much do you enjoy your work?
2. What was your first paying job? How do you think it affected your view of life? As a Christian, how has your view of work changed as you have grown in Christ?
3. God's Word tells us much about our work. Beginning in Genesis certain truths about work are given. Read Genesis 1:1, 1:26, 2:2, 2:15, and 3:17-19. How is God presented in these verses? How is man presented?
4. Along with these verses from Genesis, also read Exodus 35:30, Psalm 104:18-30, Ecclesiastes 5:16-19 and Ephesians 6:5-9. Based on these verses and the ones from Genesis, list several foundational principles of a Biblical view of work.
5. In 1 Peter 2:18, what does Peter call us to do as Christian employees? What specific situation at work does this passage address? How much difficulty at work centers around problem personalities? How would you define, "unreasonable"? Have you ever worked for an unreasonable boss? What was that situation like and how did you seek to respond?
6. How does Peter call us to respond in verses 18-20? What motive does he give for responding this way? What would be some very practical examples of responding with kindness in the face of hostility?
7. What Peter is calling us to is true Christ-likeness. Read James 4:6-12. God's commands guarantee God's grace. Use this passage as a prayer to ask for God's empowering grace to follow His call in difficult work situations.

## *LIVING HOPE: Studies in 1 Peter* *"Redeeming Work"* (1 Peter 2:18-21)

### *I. Redeemed from the Curse*

1. *Work is* \_\_\_\_\_ .
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### *II. Redeeming Work*

1. \_\_\_\_\_ *service*
2. \_\_\_\_\_ *work*
3. \_\_\_\_\_ *relationships (James 4:6-12)*
1. *Seek* \_\_\_\_\_
2. *Submit* \_\_\_\_\_
3. *Shun* \_\_\_\_\_
4. *Subdue* \_\_\_\_\_
5. *Suspend* \_\_\_\_\_
6. *Seek* \_\_\_\_\_