Session #3

Working for whom?

Breaking the Ice:

Name a favorite holiday tradition. What are your favorite traditions for Labor Day? Why do we seem to have fewer traditions associated with Labor Day?

Exploration:

Read: *Genesis 1:31*

After God had completed all that was to be made in His "work week" He described it as "very good." What does this say about the quality of His work; the quality of His person and ability?

God had previously said "it was good," (see vs. 10, 12, 18, 21, 25) why does He now say "it is *very* good?"

Is there any connection between the quality of our work and what it says about our love and devotion to God? Explain.

Read: *Colossians 3:22-4:1*

What does “eye service” and “men-pleasers” mean in verse 22? Have you ever seen it practiced? (Note different translations may use different terms)

How does the mind-set of working for God (verse 23) and not for man change your approach to your work life?

Have you ever thought about a reward from God for your work? What changes could that truth cause in your life?

In Col. 4:1 “Masters” (employers) are to treat employees with what two qualities? How can an employer ensure that happens?

Bringing it Home

What areas of action or attitude can you work on based on this Bible study?

How can we pray for each other about this?

Bottom Line

Our work is a reflection of our appreciation for God- strive for excellence!

For Next time

Read: Ecclesiastes 5:18-20