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The Gospel and the New Creation

Ephesians 6:5-9

Paul addresses the relationship between slaves and masters within the social structure of his time, revealing the new order that the gospel creates. The gospel, therefore, is not limited to personal salvation—it has the power to transform families, workplaces, and society as a whole. In today's small group, let us look at the world through God's eyes and share how we can reflect the light of the gospel in the places where we've been placed.

When was the last time you sensed that God had placed you in your work or church ministry for a purpose?

1. Paul Calls Slaves to a Radically Different Obedience (Eph. 6:5-7). What kind of attitude does Paul command slaves to have toward their masters? Why do you think Paul gave these instructions within the social structures of his time? Can you share a time when you responded to an unfair or difficult situation as though you were serving Christ?
2. Paul Tells Slaves to Serve with Their Whole Soul (Eph. 6:6-7). What heart and attitude does Paul emphasize in doing one's work? How does the phrase "as doing the will of God from your heart" reshape how you view your daily tasks? Reflect on whether you've been offering your current responsibilities to God as an act of worship.
3. Paul Commands Masters to Do the Same (Eph. 6:9). What attitude does Paul require from masters toward their servants? How might the phrase "treat them in the same way" have challenged the social norms of that time? Share a time when you sought to lead or care for someone in your life through the lens of the gospel.
4. The Gospel Changes the Way We See People (Gal. 3:28). What does Galatians 3:28 teach us about how to view one another? How should knowing that we are all one in Christ change the way we treat others? Is there someone you've unconsciously judged or looked down on? How do you view them now?
5. The Gospel Turns Everyday Life into Worship What does the Hebrew word *Avodah* mean, and what dual meaning does it carry? How does the idea that your daily work can be an act of worship transform your view of ordinary life? Share a recent moment when you offered your work to God—or a way you hope to do so in the future.