



Our Talk It Over is prepared each week by the teaching pastor and is designed to prompt insights, questions and dialogue based on the life experience of each listener. Using these in a group setting after hearing the message is similar to the practices of the early church in Israel.

Whether you are in an office, a construction site, working remotely, a stay-at-home parent or retired, consider a few of these questions alone or with a group:

WARM UP

What's a job or task you've had that you absolutely did not enjoy? What made it so difficult?

DISCUSS

1. What usually comes to mind when you think about your "work" -- purpose, paycheck, pressure, relationships, something else?
2. What kind of work in your life is hardest to see as meaningful?
3. Think about your attitude. How might your attitude change if you viewed what you do each day as something you're ultimately doing for God rather than simply for a boss, paycheck, or recognition?
4. Which is hardest for you to deal with: difficult people, feeling unappreciated, feeling stuck, or feeling overwhelmed? Why?
5. Who is someone you regularly interact with who might need encouragement, patience, kindness, or simply someone to notice them?
6. "If Jesus were my boss, would I work any differently?" What does that question make you think about your own work habits, attitude, or relationships?
7. What could it look like for you to treat one ordinary part of your day as an opportunity to worship God?

APPLY

Choose one area -- attitude, work ethic, patience, encouragement, or integrity. Each day this week, take one minute to ask God to help you reflect him in that specific area. At the end of the week, notice what changed.

PRAY

God, thank you for the work you've given us. Give us patience when days are difficult, purpose when it feels meaningless, and rest when we feel overwhelmed. Help us work in whatever we do with integrity, kindness, and excellence not just for a paycheck or someone's approval, but as an act of worship. Use us right where we are. Amen.

