

PRACTICAL APPLICATION _____

1. On Sunday, Pastor Clay talked about the power of influence in a person's life. How do you think it would affect your work life if you didn't view work as a mundane, necessary part of your life, but an opportunity to build the Kingdom of God?

2. Pick one or two people you work with that you can begin to build a relationship with. Take a few minutes and share with the group about who they are and pray for them.

PRAYER REQUESTS _____

MESSAGE NOTES

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Leadership is a gift from God given to us for the purpose of influencing others to know, love and follow Jesus.

Four things you can do to grow your influence:

1) Lead me.

Nothing so conclusively proves your ability to lead others as what you do on a day-to-day basis to lead yourself.

2) Choose positivity.

A can-do, anything-is-possible, forward thinking, hope-filled attitude has the potential to grow your influence more than anything else you could do.

Positivity is not a personality trait. Positivity is a character quality.

3) Think critically.

The line between thinking critically and being critical is razor thin.

4) Reject passivity.

Passive people are not influential people.

Without the joy of the decision, there's no joy in the job.

Learn to lead through influence when you're not in charge and you'll be a much better leader when you are in charge.

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CONNECT GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

For the week of October 2, 2022

GETTING STARTED _____

1. Where do you work? Do you feel comfortable sharing your faith at work? Why or why not?
2. Do you think influence is an overlooked attribute in our culture today? Why?
3. If I were to ask some of your coworkers about you, what would they say? Would they describe you as someone who exemplifies the life of a follower of Christ?

DIGGING DEEPER _____

1. There are many reasons to work and they are different for everyone. What are some things that motivate us to work hard and have success at our jobs?

What eternal significance, if any, do you currently find in your occupation?

2. Read **Matthew 5:13-16**. In this passage, Jesus called His followers “the salt of the earth.” What do you think Jesus was talking about when He said those words?

In **verses 14-16**, Jesus compared believers to light. In what situations do people tend to hide their light “under a basket” at work?

3. The most meaningful motivation for our work is service to the Lord. Read **1 Corinthians 10:31**. What does Paul say to us in this verse, and how could it apply to our work life?

What are some ways we can honor God in our daily work environment?

4. **Ephesians 5:21** says, “Submit to one another out of reverence for Christ.” What makes it especially challenging to practice biblical submission in the workplace?

Read **Ephesians 6:5-9**. Why do you think Paul emphasized the importance of an employee’s attitude?

How might our workplace be different if people willingly submitted to their bosses and coworkers?