Ephesians 6:5-9

The questions below are designed to be used by Saylorville Church Community Groups as they meet during the week following the Sunday morning message at Saylorville. The intent is not for groups to answer every question, but for leaders to use the questions as a guide as they tailor the discussion to the unique needs of their group. The Sunday message and these questions can be found each week at <a href="https://www.saylorvillechurch.com/sermons">www.saylorvillechurch.com/sermons</a>.

### **CONNECT WITH YOUR GROUP (10-15 MINUTES)**

• Tell your group about your first job. What did you do? How much did you get paid? What did you like/ dislike about it? How did you feel about your employer? Did you learn any lessons from that job that helped form you for later in life?

## **APPLY THE BIBLE (45-60 MINUTES)**

- Remember what you talked about last time. Is there anything you need to follow up on this week?
- Review your Sermon Notes together. What is one thing that sticks out to you about what you learned?
- Read this week's passage together. In his message, Pastor Pat unpacked the familiar call, criteria and consolation of work.

### **INTRO:**

• "Quiet quitting" refers to doing the minimum requirements of one's job and putting in no more time, effort, or enthusiasm than absolutely necessary. If you're a Christian, how does this compare to the biblical concept of worshiping while you work?

# **Worship As You Work:**

- 1. A Familiar Call Obey (Ephesians 6:5) see also Ephesians 5:22 and 6:1
  - Paul tells us to obey, or submit to our employers. Are there times in your life when you have found it difficult to do that? What have you done in those situations?
  - We are to obey our employers with a "sincere heart." Sincere means "authentic or with integrity." Do you work just as hard when the boss is watching as you do when he/she isn't? How might that change if you remembered that your work is worship?
- 2. A Familiar Criteria As To The Lord (Ephesians 6:7)
  - Are you someone that lives primarily to please other people, or lives to please the Lord? Can you
    think of examples of why you would say that?
  - What are some parts of your work whether at home or on the job that you don't like doing? How can you do those parts of your work for God's name and fame?
- 3. A Familiar Consolation Reward From Your True Master (Ephesians 6:8)
  - · What are some consequences of working for an earthly reward or paycheck?
  - What changes in your attitude, your work ethic, your witness, and your relationship with Jesus if you work for a heavenly reward? See Matthew 6:4.

If everyone around you worked the way you did, what would change about your company, your community, or your church?

## **PRAY TOGETHER (5-15 MINUTES)**

- Do you need to repent of anything this week after studying this passage? Take time to do that individually and as a group.
- Are there areas of your work-life that you know need to be adjusted? Ask God to give you the strength and the wisdom to make those changes this week.

