



MONDAY'S CALLING

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SESSION 4 — WE GLORIFY GOD THROUGH OUR WORK

Before Session Four, you will need to download and print copies of the Reflection handout for each participant. This will be passed out at the end of class. You will also need to download a copy of the audio teaching for Session Four. It is helpful to record the Kingdom Values on a whiteboard or handout for this session.

Welcome

Welcome to week four of Monday's Calling! This week we are going to continue exploring how we can glorify God through our work.

Open in Prayer

Lord, we thank You for this opportunity to gather together as Your children and learn more about the work You have given us to do since before the foundation of the world. We want to walk in the fullness of what You have for us. Come and move in our midst. Open our understanding. Father, let us see the gift of the work You have given us through Your eyes. In Jesus' name I pray, Amen.

Scripture Readings

Have someone read Ephesians 2:10 then spend a few minutes discussing the ramifications of that passage.

"For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand so that we would walk in them."

Ask: "What stands out to you about this passage?"

Audio Teaching

Play the audio teaching

Discussion

Question 1 - What was your reaction to Wayne Grudem's insight that many aspects of business activity are morally good in themselves and in themselves bring glory to God?

Does that understanding change the way you think about your workplace and your work?

Question 2 - What do you think of Grudem's statement, "The distortion of something good must not cause us to think the thing itself is evil?"

(Tip – it is helpful to list the Kingdom Values of 1) Edification, 2) Mutual Support, 3) Encouragement, 4) Accessibility, 5) Mobilization, and 6) Forgiveness on a whiteboard for people to contemplate as you lead the next session of the discussion.)



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Explain – “The values of the Kingdom of God are edification, mutual support, encouragement, accessibility, mobilization, and forgiveness. Kingdom activity is often the opposite of action we see modeled in the workplace. In the marketplace, people often hide information, try to undercut one another, speak critical discouraging words, and carry grudges. In the Kingdom of God, we understand we are on the same team, and we encourage one another and help one another as we work towards a common goal. As God’s children, we are called to live the values of the Kingdom in the marketplace. That will naturally bring God’s light into the darkness.”

Question 3 - Give people a few minutes to reflect on the Kingdom Values by asking, “What is your response to the list of Kingdom Values, and how can you model those values in your workplace?”

Question 4 - How do we develop a God-honoring heart attitude on our work activities?

Question 5 - Dallas Willard made the statement, “Business is a primary moving force for the love of God.” How can business help overcome the problems of the world?

Question 6 - In what way can Christians in business be mobilized to share the Gospel with unreached people groups around the world?

Question 7 - How is money good? How can money turn our hearts from God?

Question 8 - Does serving the church bring greater glory to God then giving your best at your job?

Closing Prayer

Close with a Popcorn prayer. Tell the group you will open in prayer and select someone to be the person that closes the prayer. Explain that others can pray in between the opening and closing prayer as they feel prompted or comfortable

Lord, thank you for the ways You have moved in our midst during this session. Continue to give us Your eyes to see our work and let us know how we can honor You and glorify You in our workplaces. Help us to model Kingdom Values in our workplaces. We ask for the salvation of all of our co-workers and their families. We ask that Your Kingdom would come, and Your will would be done in our workplaces. Forgive us for the areas where we have had hard hearts and judgmental thoughts towards our work and our colleagues. Give us Your eyes to see our work as part of Your good plan for our lives and the world. (Wait in silence for others to participate – don’t be intimidated by long silences)



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(Tip – in the Body of Christ, everyone's prayers are important. Popcorn prayers give people who are uncomfortable praying aloud an opportunity to learn in a non-threatening environment. God wants to hear from all His children. We are all blessed when everyone participates.)

Give each participant a Reflection handout to take home.

Closing Announcement

Next week we are going to begin exploring how the Gospel, the Good News of Jesus, reframes everything about our work.

During the Week

Pray for the people in your class.

Throughout the week, pray for the participants in your class. Ask the Lord to help them to see their work as a vital part of God's Kingdom and to understand how they can bring glory to God in their workplaces. Continue asking the Lord to give them both favor and Divine Appointments.

Midweek (Between your sessions) e-mail all the participants;

Good evening!

I am looking forward to our fifth session of Monday Calling on (insert day and time). This week we will examine a case study to gain a better understanding of how the Gospel – the Good News of Jesus – changes everything about our work.

May the Lord strengthen your heart and encourage you in all your work. May He give you supernatural words of wisdom and knowledge that speak truth and life into your colleagues' lives. May He give you creative solutions to problems in your life and work that bring Him glory.

I look forward to our time together,

(Your Name)