



CASE OF THE MONDAYS

TAKE YOUR JOB AND LOVE IT!

Part 2: Bringing Jesus on the Job

INTRODUCTION — Let There Be Light!

Matthew 5:14-16; 2 Corinthians 5:17-20

LOOK TO THE BOOK – Starting in a Place of Compromise

2 Kings 5:1-10

TAKE OUT #1- Can somebody turn the lights on?!

As people who have been changed from the inside-out, we are called to be a light to those we work with. **Who we are on the job should point people to Christ** through the integrity of our work, the gentleness and humility of our character, and the compassion and gratitude that we demonstrate to our colleagues and supervisors.

Luke 11:33; 2 Corinthians 2:14-15; Colossians 3:22-23; Titus 2:7-10

TAKE OUT #2 – Meaningful Money-Making

Allow a radical commitment to generosity that expresses itself in caring for the poor and the whole of creation to fuel your financial earning at work. **Christ-followers should actively strategize how their income can be used to advance God's purposes in the world today.**

Luke 11:41; 12:32-34; Ephesians 4:28; 2 Corinthians 9:6-11

TAKE OUT #3 – On-the-Job Prayer

Christ-followers can serve their places of work by actively “owning” them in prayer. **Make prayer a regular and intentional part of your day-to-day work experience**, as you ask for God's blessing to be known in the lives of the people you work with as well as for the organization as a whole. This is a part of our stewardship over God's creation!

Matthew 5:44; Romans 8:26-27; 1 Timothy 2:1-3; James 5:16

TAKE OUT #4 – Climbing Down the Corporate Ladder

As Christ-followers we are called to abandon our entitlement to status, promotion and ambitious self-advancement. The focus of our work should be on enhancing the well-being of our colleagues, using whatever influence or leadership we are given to serve others. **Allow God to manage your career and your influence.**

Philippians 2:3-11; 4:10-13; 1 Peter 4:10

CONCLUSION – When You Can't Bow Down...

Following God can be a career limiting move!

Daniel 3:16-18; Matthew 19:27-29

HOME CHURCH QUESTIONS

Warming Up...

1. Read the following definition of the word *shalom* from Neal Plantinga – “In the Bible *shalom* means universal flourishing, wholeness, and delight – a rich state of affairs in which natural needs are satisfied, and natural gifts are fruitfully employed, a state of affairs that inspires joyful wonder as its Creator and Savior opens doors and welcomes the creatures in whom he delights. *Shalom*, in other words, is the way things ought to be.” (Not the Way It's Supposed to Be: A Breviary of Sin, p.10) How does this definition of *shalom* influence the way we think about what it means to be peacemakers at work, school or other places of service?

Look To the Book...

2. Take some time to review our key passages from this past week: **Matthew 5:14-16; 2 Corinthians 5:17-20**. Building from our last series on narcissism, in what ways do these passages challenge us in the way we think about our work-life? In what ways may this be different than the predominant view of our culture? B) What are some of the challenges that we face in being “a light” on the job or at school? What are some of the things that may cause us to feel like our light is being diminished or hidden? C) In what ways can our Home Church be a practical support as we endeavour to “shine light” and be agents of peacemaking on the job? Be as specific as you can.
3. TAKE OUT #3 focused on the importance of prayerfully “owning” our workplaces. Read **Matthew 5:44; Romans 8:26-27; Ephesians 6:18; Colossians 4:2; 1 Timothy 2:1-3; 1 Peter 4:7**. A) In what way is our responsibility to pray tied into the authority and place of leadership that humanity has been given within world? B) What does this kind of prayer look like in a practical way? (Consider the Romans 8 passage in particular.) If there is someone in your Home Church who is recognized for their faithful and disciplined prayer life, invite them to share some tools or approaches that may be useful in coaching the group in this area.

So What?...

4. LET'S START PEACEMAKING! Taking what you have learned in question #4, break off into smaller groups and pray specifically for the peace and well-being of the people in our places of work, school and service (particularly with those who you may have tension with). Pray that you will have the opportunity to not only demonstrate Christ's love but to also share the reasons why you follow Him. Also remember to pray for the organizations themselves, being mindful of the role that they have serving in your community, and the relationship they have with God's creation.
5. MORE QUESTIONS? *This topic may generate a lot of very practical questions about our relationship with our work as a Christ-follower. We will attempt to address any questions you may have at a Roundtable podcast being made available at the end of this series.* Email your questions to: teachingteam@themeetinghouse.ca

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