

Following Christ in the Marketplace
Series: Identity: Who We Are in Christ
(A Close-up Look at Ephesians)
– Ephesians 6:5-9 –

An important side road: Why didn't Paul deal more forcefully with the issue of slavery in this passage?

Slavery in America

- 1.
- 2.

Slavery in Paul's day

- 1.
- 2.

THE BIG IDEA: How do you live a life of love, as an imitator of God (Eph. 5:1-2), if you are a slave, or if you are a master? How do we live missionally focused lives in the marketplace?

HOW CAN I REFLECT CHRIST ON MY JOB?

1. By respecting those _____

* Respect is _____, not _____.

2. By always _____

3. By remembering that every good effort _____

4. By learning to motivate my employees _____

Application Questions. . .

1. What especially spoke to you in this message?
2. If you were to make one phrase or verse from this passage your slogan for this coming week, what would it be?
3. What do you consider to be the ideal employer / employee relationship?
4. Think about a current or former employment situation. Do you ever find it difficult to respect those in authority over you? Brainstorm some ways you can grow in respect for your boss.
5. How would your work ethic change if Jesus was your immediate supervisor? On the other hand, how would the productivity from your department change if Jesus held your position?
6. On a scale of 1 (half-heartedly) to 10 (wholeheartedly), how has your "serve" been lately?
7. Pray together for each other's job situations, asking the Lord to help you grow in your ability to work as unto the Lord.