

## Life Group Discussion Questions

Ephesians 6:5-9

### OPENING DISCUSSION

How do you feel about your job? (Remember that even if you don't get a paycheck, you still have a job.) Is your work ethic worthy of Jesus? How would your attitude change if you recognized that we should do all things as if they were directly for Jesus?

### SERMON

Do you think of those you work with as family?

What one thought from the sermon caused you to think differently about your job?

What is significant about the culture of employment and servitude in the time of the early church?

What does Paul say to servants? How is this attitude different from the surrounding culture of the time? How is this attitude different from today's workforce?

What does Paul say to masters? How is this attitude different from the surrounding culture of the time? How is this attitude different from today's workforce?

Can you see how Paul's instructions to both servants and masters would phase out this type of servitude in the Roman Empire?

Consider Paul's words to "bondservants" in 1 Corinthians 7:21. How do these words complement and expand our understanding of what Paul says to the Ephesians?

### APPLICATION

If you are an employee, how can you live out Paul's words this coming week?

If you are a boss, how can you live out Paul's words this coming week?

Is there any perspective that needs to change in the way you approach the work you do?

How can your perspective on how and why you work serve to bring the love of Jesus into your workplace even without saying a word?

Are there any blind spots for you to evaluate?

Not a part of a Life Group at North Hills? Visit the church website and check out the different groups currently meeting on Zoom. When you see one that interests you, click on the link provided and know that everyone will be glad you came!  
<https://church.north-hills.org/connect/small-group-ministry>

Sunday Worship Service • 10:30 AM

# EPHESIANS

February 7

Walk  
in  
Love

Ephesians 5:6-21

February 14

Husbands  
and  
Wives

Ephesians 5:22-33

February 21

Parents  
and  
Children

Ephesians 6:1-4

February 28

Bosses  
and  
Employees

Ephesians 6:5-9

Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of these things the wrath of God comes upon the sons of disobedience. Therefore do not become partners with them; for at one time you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light (for the fruit of light is found in all that is good and right and true), and try to discern what is pleasing to the Lord. Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. For it is shameful even to speak of the things that they do in secret. But when anything is exposed by the light, it becomes visible, for anything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says, "Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you." Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise but as wise, making the best use of the time, because the days are evil. Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. And do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery, but be filled with the Spirit, addressing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody to the Lord with your heart, giving thanks always and for everything to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, submitting to one another out of reverence for Christ.

Wives, submit to your own husbands, as to the Lord. For the husband is the head of the wife even as Christ is the head of the church, his body, and is himself its Savior. Now as the church submits to Christ, so also wives should submit in everything to their husbands. Husbands, love your wives, as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her, that he might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word, so that he might present the church to himself in splendor, without spot or wrinkle or any such thing, that she might be holy and without blemish. In the same way husbands should love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself. For no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, just as Christ does the church, because we are members of his body. "Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and hold fast to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh." This mystery is profound, and I am saying that it refers to Christ and the church. However, let each one of you love his wife as himself, and let the wife see that she respects her husband.

Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. "Honor your father and mother" (this is the first commandment with a promise), "that it may go well with you and that you may live long in the land." Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger, but bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord.

Bondservants, obey your earthly masters with fear and trembling, with a sincere heart, as you would Christ, not by the way of eye-service, as people-pleasers, but as bondservants of Christ, doing the will of God from the heart, rendering service with a good will as to the Lord and not to man, knowing that whatever good anyone does, this he will receive back from the Lord, whether he is a bondservant or is free. Masters, do the same to them, and stop your threatening, knowing that he who is both their Master and yours is in heaven, and that there is no partiality with him.

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FEBRUARY 28, 2021

Week 29 of 2020-2021 Sermon Series: Transformed

## - *Transformed Relationships* -

Bosses and Employees (Ephesians 6:5-9)

### TRANSFORMATIONAL PRINCIPLE:

Work \_\_\_\_\_ in all you do as though it were \_\_\_\_\_ Himself ... because it is!

1. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_ is to serve Jesus. (5-8)

2. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_ is to serve Jesus and lead like Jesus. (9)

### RESPONSE:

How does your \_\_\_\_\_ reflect your relationship with Jesus? How do you \_\_\_\_\_ the love of Jesus to those over you and those serving under you?

### READ THE ENTIRE BIBLE CHRONOLOGICALLY IN A YEAR

Feb. 26: Numbers 7

Mar. 2: Numbers 16-17

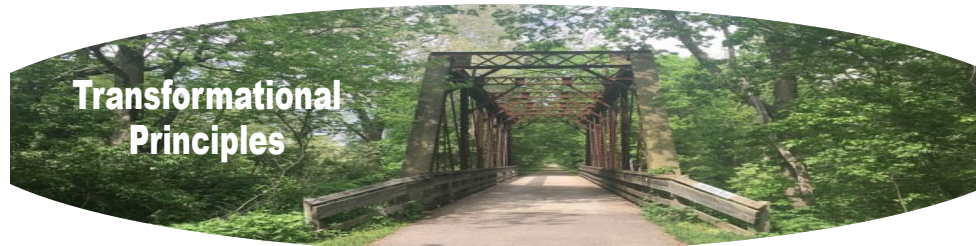
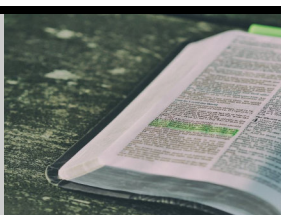
Feb. 27: Numbers 8-10

Mar. 3: Numbers 18-20

Feb. 28: Numbers 11-13

Mar. 4: Numbers 21-22

Mar. 1: Numbers 14-15 / Psalm 90



## Transformational Principles

- Week 1:** Because we are prone to conform, we must let God transform. (Romans 12:1-2)
- Week 2:** Because of all Jesus has done, surrender what you think you know. (Mark 8:34-37)
- Week 3:** If we really want to know what to do, abandon the world's ways for God's ways. (Isaiah 55:6-11)
- Week 4:** Accept that the world's ways are at odds with the ways of God. (1 Corinthians 1:18-30)
- Week 5:** If you want to be transformed, you must learn to deal with your sinful nature. (Romans 8:1-11)
- Week 6:** Look past what is seen and believe what is unseen. (Hebrews 11:1-6)
- Week 7:** Overcome the world with love and humility. (Romans 12:9-21)
- Week 8:** Recognize that the purpose of our transformation is not personal or private. (Mark 10:42-45)
- Week 9:** Individual transformation happens best in the midst of united community. (Hebrews 10:19-25)
- Week 10:** Some may go and some may stay: but working together, God is transforming the world through the power of the gospel. (Philippians 4:10-20)
- Week 11:** Transformed people do the work of God like it's second nature. (Matthew 25:31-46)
- Week 12:** Transformed prayer leads to a transformed mind. (Philippians 4:4-9)
- Week 13:** A transformed heart will change the way you talk to others. (Ephesians 4:29)
- Week 14:** Transformed people unite in transformed community. (Ephesians 4:1-6)
- Week 15:** Right attitude speaks louder than right action alone. (Philippians 2:14-18)
- Week 16:** Transformed people are on the go. (Romans 10:8-17)
- Week 17:** Recognize your need for a Savior. (Matthew 1:18-23)
- Week 18:** Learn to see the spiritual battle for your soul that is going on in and around you. (1 John 3:1-10)
- Week 19:** Don't miss the truth when it's right in front of you. (John 18:33-38)
- Week 20:** Abundant life must have boundaries. (John 10:1-10)
- Week 21:** The promise of everlasting life changes what we value in this present life. (Matthew 6:19-24)
- Week 22:** Demonstrate God's love in our relationships to experience a healthy, life-changing community. (John 15:12-17)
- Week 23:** Prayer intimately connects us to the one who has invited us to call Him Father. (Luke 11:1-13)
- Week 24:** The practice of withdrawing, waiting on God, and being still helps us to better recognize and cherish God's presence in everyday life. (Luke 5:16; John 7:6; Psalm 46:10)
- Week 25:** The best way to humbly serve is by following Christ's example. (Acts 2:44-45; Philippians 2:2-15; Mark 8:34)
- Week 26:** Your walk with others should reflect your walk with Jesus. (Ephesians 5:6-21)
- Week 27:** The church is modeled at home. (Ephesians 5:22-33)
- Week 28:** Parents are to nourish their children spiritually. (Ephesians 6:1-4)