

Group/Individual Study

Series: Love Everyone Always

Passages: Eph 2:10, Col.3:17, Acts 17:26

REFLECT on the message heard Sunday, 9/3

1. Anthony focused this week on how to spread God's hope and love through our "day jobs;" ie., those places where we spend the majority of our time during the week-- whether it's a workplace, a school, a neighborhood, with small kids, etc. What do you think is the weakness of only viewing our "church-based" activities as our "ministry" and how we "shine for God"?
2. Read Colossians 3:17. Reflect also on this quote from Dr. Martin Luther King: *"If a man is called to be a street sweeper, he should sweep streets even as a Michaelangelo painted, or Beethoven composed music or Shakespeare wrote poetry. He should sweep streets so well that all the hosts of heaven and earth will pause to say, 'Here lived a great street sweeper who did his job well.'"* How does doing our best in our "day jobs" give glory to God? How does it enhance our credibility as followers of Jesus?
3. How do you think our ability to point people towards Jesus is undermined if we are poor workers, uncaring neighbors, or students who don't care about school or our classmates?
4. Read Acts 17:26. This verse talks about how God determines the time and the places we live. How might it change things if you believed that this might extend even to the neighborhoods we live in? The school we attend? The workgroup we are a part of? The gym where we work out?
5. Read Ephesians 2:10. What do you think God had in mind when the Scripture refers to the "good works" which He chose in advance that we should do?
 - Who might God want you to bless at work? In your neighborhood? In your school?
 - How could you do it?
 - Who do you feel God would have you pray for in these environments? These people may not have anyone else in all the world praying for them, so follow through by lifting them up before God.