



## ***Your Work Will Test and Stretch Your Faith, Part 1***

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Ephesians 5:1-18

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*The sermon curriculum is designed to help facilitate small group conversation towards application of sermon. These are ideas to help get the conversation started, so feel free to use whatever is most helpful!*

### **Outline**

Read Ephesians 5:1-18 and review the main points of the sermon below:

#### **I. What Are Some of the Biggest Dangers You'll Face in the Workplace?**

**A. Your Work Pace Can Leave No Space for Your Own Humanity and Your Desperate Need for Unhurried Time with God – and that's a Recipe for Spiritual Disaster**

**B. Your Flesh Can Be Lulled into All Kinds of Sinful Temptations – and that's a Recipe for Moral Disaster**

1. You'll Be Tempted to Join in Crass Joking and Conversation
2. You'll Be Tempted by Sexual Sin

**C. Your Lifestyle Can Drive You to Work More Hours Just to Pay for All the Stuff You're Piling Up – and that's a Recipe for Financial Disaster**

### **Sermon Discussion:**

#### **I. Conversation Starter Questions**

- A. What's a dangerous job you're glad you don't have?
- B. Are there any occupational hazards with your job?
- C. How can sleep and rest be an expression of humility?

#### **II. Application Questions**

- A. What do you need to do to make sleep and rest a higher priority in your life? Any energy drinks need to go?!
- B. What's on your "can't control list" and what's on your "stop doing list"?
- C. What are practical ways you can respond when there's crass joking at work?
- D. Are there material things that you need to stop pursuing and ask for God's work of contentment in your life?

#### **III. Gospel Connection – Only the Gospel can change our hearts to want what God wants!**

#### **IV. Prayer Focus Ideas**

- A. A good opportunity to divide genders for people to share their struggles with temptation at work.
- B. What are trials at work that are stretching your faith? How can you pray?