Work Life: A New Boss

Nov 1, 2026 l Colossians 3:17, 22–24

1. All Things are to Be Done for the Lord Jesus (Colossians 3:17)

2. All Work Is to Be Done with Sincerity and Reverence For the Lord (Colossians 3:22)

3. All Work is to Be Done with Heart For the Lord, Not for People (Colossians 3:23)

4. All Work Serves the Lord, and is Rewarded by the Lord. (Colossians 3:24)

Life Group Prep

We encourage you to reflect on and write out answers to these questions before you meet with your life group to discuss the Sunday message.

(Colossians 3:17, 22–24):

1. In the opening story, Jake described how the absence of a visible boss led to unproductive and even wasteful behavior at work. How have you seen a lack of accountability (or a strong sense of accountability) shape the way you or others approach daily tasks?

2. Colossians 3:17 says that whatever we do—in word or deed—should be done "in the name of the Lord Jesus." What does it practically look like for ordinary work (or even tedious tasks) to be done in Jesus' name?

3. Verse 22 warns against working only "when their eye is on you" to curry favor. In what ways do we still struggle with people-pleasing or performance-based motivation at work, school, or home? How does "sincerity of heart and reverence for the Lord" offer a better way?

4. Paul calls us to work "with all your heart, as working for the Lord." What helps you bring wholehearted effort to tasks that feel unnoticed, undervalued, or difficult? What tends to drain that wholeheartedness?

5. Verse 24 reminds us that we will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward and that "it is the Lord Christ you are serving." How does keeping the eternal reward and our true Boss in view change the way you evaluate success or find meaning in your daily work?

6. Looking at your current responsibilities (job, studies, home, volunteering), what is one specific way you can intentionally work "as for the Lord" this week? What practical step (prayer, attitude, excellence, gratitude) would help you live that out?