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A Small Group Series

Part 7: What's My "Why"?

1 Corinthians 10:31

31 So whether you eat or drink or whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God.

Colossians 3:17

17 And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

Colossians 3:22-24

22 Slaves, obey your earthly masters in everything; and do it, not only when their eye is on you and to win their favor, but with sincerity of heart and reverence for the Lord. 23 Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for men, 24 since you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward. It is the Lord Christ you are serving.

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Message notes:

The "what" will never be right if the " _____ " isn't right.

Another way you could say this verse is, are you living for His _____?

When you're doing something for the _____ of God, that's your "why".

God's not impressed with what you can do for Him. God's impressed with what you let Him do _____ you.

God will put us through _____ to see what our "why" is.

When you go to work, who's your _____?

So when you think about doing the purpose of God, the "why" will determine how you do it, that you're doing it in His _____, for His glory.

Quit the job in your heart and sign back up with God and say, I'm going to _____ you to work.

Additional notes:

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Discussion Questions:

1. Think about your current job, role, or primary responsibility. If you're honest, what's your primary "why" for doing it? (paycheck, recognition, obligation, God's glory, etc.)
2. Have you ever experienced a season where God tested your motives by allowing obscurity, lack of recognition, or difficulty? What did you learn about yourself?
3. Pastor Jamie said, "God's not impressed with what you can do for him. God's impressed with what you let him do through you." What's the difference? How does this change your approach to serving God?
4. Why do you think Paul emphasizes that none of us have 100% pure motives, and how does this reality affect your approach to spiritual growth?
5. The story of Brother Lawrence is about a man who wanted to be a monk but ended up a dishwasher and learned to "practice the presence of God." Choose one regular task at home or at work that you dislike—how could you invite God's presence into that task?

Ministry Time:

Pray for anyone who faces workplace struggles, or struggles with people-pleasing or performance. Ask for grace to work wholeheartedly in every task, knowing God sees and rewards.

No one has 100% pure motives. Pray for God to expose and purify the motives in your hearts and ask for a fresh vision of living for God's smile rather than human applause.

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