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MAIN THING

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SCRIPTURE

Matthew 25:14-30, Colossians 3:23-24, Proverbs 12:11

ICEBREAKER

What was your first job? What was your pay per hour?

OPENING THOUGHT

We live in a society where the person with the most toys wins. This isn't how God designed us. He didn't provide for us so that we could have stuff. He never even promises that we'll be rich. So why would we be talking about earning all we can? Why would it be important for us to have more money, access to things, or property? Maybe it's not about what we have, but more about WHY we have it. And maybe, just maybe, it's about the WAY we earn it.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What was one thing that stood out to you from this weekend's message?
2. When you were growing up, what did you learn about "work" from your parents? Was it a good thing? A bad thing? Did they complain about going to work or did they enjoy it?
3. Read Matthew 25:14-30. What were the differences between the first two servants and the last servant?
4. The early church regarded "sloth," or laziness, as one of the seven deadly sins. Do we in America view laziness as a sin? Most people would say it's not good, but do we regard as a sin to be repented of? Why or why not?
5. Why would the Lord want us to "earn all we can?" When the church has more resources due to the hard work of Christians, how does that benefit God's kingdom?

LIFE APPLICATION

6. There are dangers at either extreme of the work continuum; laziness on one end and workaholism on the other. What boundaries do you have in place to keep you from either extreme? Do you need to set some?

CHALLENGE

Read Colossians 3:23-24. How can you apply this Scripture this week at your job, school, or tasks you need to do? How does "working for the Lord" change the narrative on how you go about your day? Does your attitude need to change? Does your work ethic need an overhaul? Take a close look at how you work, and make the changes necessary to reflect the sentence, "It is the Lord Christ you are serving."