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WELCOME:
Fixing
Our Focus

Suggested icebreaker:
Ask each member of the group what first comes to mind when they hear the word “master” or “boss”. Why do they associate it with the word?

WORSHIP:
Adoring
Our God

Suggested songs:

- Speak, O Lord
- Make Me A Servant

WORD & WALK:

Understanding & Applying the Word

LESSON AIM

1. GG members will recognize that God is the master of all people.
2. GG members who employ others should treat them justly and fairly.

INTRODUCTION

In our last lesson, we saw how servants should serve their masters. In this lesson, we'll see how masters should treat their servants. This verse concludes the household code portion in Paul's letter to the Ephesians. Let's take a look what he had to say.

Paul instructed how masters should treat their servants (v. 9)

1. What do you think Paul meant when he instructed masters to "do the same" to their servants? What can we learn from Christ's example as master or leader? (cf. Matthew 20:25-28; John 13:12-15)
2. How are masters motivating servants to obedience when they threaten them? What are the advantages and disadvantages of doing so? What are good motivations for obedience?
3. How can the awareness that God is the master of all people affect how masters treat their servants? (cf. Matthew 18:23-35)
4. What does it mean for God to be impartial? How should this affect how masters are to treat their servants? (cf. Acts 10:34; Colossians 4:1)

APPLICATION

Children

1. Were you asked to lead before in any project in school such as in Science, Math, or English? If yes, share your experience being a leader: what did you do to help your classmates in your group? How was your attitude in leading? Was it hard?
2. If you have not experienced being a leader for a class project yet, then share your thoughts on how you think a leader should be when working on these projects? What characteristics or behavior should a leader have?

Youth

1. Have you been put in leadership positions before (e.g. – in your family, in your school, in an org)? How was your experience?
2. Considering that God is our master, what are some of the ways He leads us that you want to emulate in leading others?

WORD & WALK:

Understanding & Applying the Word

Adults

1. For those of you who have people serving under you, how can you “do the same” to these people?
2. How do you motivate others? What means do you use and why?
3. For those who have oversight on others, how can you treat them justly and fairly? What difficulties do you face when trying to do so?

Community

How can we, as bosses and supervisors, be God’s beacons of light in this world by the way we deal with those we work with? How can this pave the way for the gospel message in the workplace?

World

Many companies around the world are now seeing the wisdom behind the biblical principle of servant leadership which was taught and modeled by Jesus Christ. How can you use this as a stepping stone to make others receptive to the truths being taught in Scriptures?

PRAYER ITEM

Pray for those in the group who handle people under them, that they may reflect the same attitude that Christ modeled to His disciples. Pray that we be reminded that, at the end of the day, we all serve God as our master, and in all things we should please Him above all.



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