



# SPX Small Groups

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**Our Mondays have more meaning than we may give them credit. When it comes to living as disciples, our weekend worship is all about Monday through Friday. Whether you're at work, school, or home, God has a purpose for you. Through this series, you will discover how to go from simply 'working a job' to fulfilling God's unique mission for you.**

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# **Week 1: Sept. 9**

## **OPENING PRAYER**

### **RECAP**

Our Mondays have more meaning than we may give them credit. Whether you're in the marketplace, in the school, or in the home, God has a purpose for you. Together we will discover what it looks like to go from simply working a job to fulfilling God's unique mission for each of us.

### **DISCUSSION**

**Take a moment and share what a typical Monday looks like for you.**

**In preparation for this week's discussion, read Ephesians 4:11-12 and Romans 12:1-2 aloud together.**

**Have you ever thought about your work as your primary mission field? What are some ways you can start to live out your faith in the workplace?**

**What comes to mind when you hear the word "calling?" Is it a word you are excited to hear or does it scare or frustrate you? How do you know when you are in your calling?**

**Share one thing you love about your job and one thing you wish you could change.**

**Could looking at your job and your coworkers, classmates, or family as your mission change the way you approach your Mondays? How?**

### **CHALLENGE & CLOSING PRAYER**

We all share the calling of reaching people and sharing the love of Jesus, but how we fulfill that calling may very well look different. Close in prayer this week and ask God to help us see how, through our work, we can reach the people He has placed around us. In fact, let's make it a point this week to invite someone to church, or have a conversation about how our faith impacts our lives.

## Week 2: Sept. 16

### OPENING PRAYER

### RECAP

God has a purpose and plan for each of us, not only on Sunday mornings or within the four walls of the church, but in our everyday lives and workplaces. In fact, He wants us to elevate our workplaces by using the gifts He's given, all for His glory!

### DISCUSSION

**Take a moment and share what your dream job would be.**

**In preparation for this week's discussion, read Romans 12:1-2, 1 Corinthians 10:31, and Colossians 3:17 aloud together.**

This week's message was a challenge to all of us—for those in our dream jobs and those of us who may not be there quite yet. **No matter where you are with your job, what part of the message spoke to you this most this weekend?**

**What do the verses above from Romans, Corinthians, and Colossians have in common? How can you bring glory to God the most and serve God and others with your job? Have you seen others do this well?**

Sometimes God uses our failures to get us to our successes. **Take a moment to share a failure or hard time that, without it, you would not be where you are today.**

### CHALLENGE & CLOSING PRAYER

Maybe you love your job and you are thriving. Maybe your job has become boring or mundane and you need ask God to give you a fresh perspective for your workplace and the people around you. Maybe you hate your job and need to spend some time praying and fasting for your next step and where God is leading you to go. Let's challenge each other to see our workplaces as our mission field, our coworkers, bosses, and clients as the people God has called us to, and God as our ever-present source of strength, wisdom, and courage. Close in prayer asking God for his guidance.

## Week 3: Sept. 23

### OPENING PRAYER

### RECAP

There's a fine line between being a hard worker and a workaholic. Hard workers steward their time, energy, and efforts for God's well done, while workaholics are striving to find their identity in workplace successes. Ultimately, for workaholics, work becomes an idol, and that's not God's intended design for us.

### DISCUSSION

**Describe a time when you were in an incredibly busy season, and what life was like in that time.**

**In preparation for this week's discussion, read Psalm 127:1-2, Ecclesiastes 10:15, and Proverbs 14:30 aloud together.**

This week's message challenged us to live for God's 'well done' rather than the acclaim of our bosses, clients, or coworkers. **Whose 'well done' matter most to you today? How is the Holy Spirit inviting you to (possibly) change in this area?**

Delegation is an important part of healthy leadership. In fact, Jethro in Exodus 18 encouraged Moses to delegate some of his responsibilities to other leaders. On the hand, there are things we should never delegate as well. **What are some things you can delegate? What are some things you can't delegate to someone else?**

When a good thing becomes the ultimate thing, that thing has become an idol in your life. Work is no exception to this. **What are some ways you would encourage someone who has made work an idol? Why are idols so unhealthy?**

### CHALLENGE & CLOSING PRAYER

We can take great comfort in the fact God is on our side. He provides for our needs, and He even takes care of us while we sleep. Encourage one another to live for God's 'well done' this week and every week. Pray together for ways you have fun as a family this week and rest in God's provision.

## Week 4: Sept. 30

### OPENING PRAYER

### RECAP

Your Mondays have meaning. May God use us to be salt and light wherever He has placed us. Move from the mundane to mission. You were made for Mondays!

### DISCUSSION

**Have you had a recent opportunity to be salt and light in your workplace, neighborhood, or school? What was that experience like?**

**In preparation for this week's discussion, read Romans 12:1-2 and 1 Peter 3:15 aloud together.**

You must work as unto the Lord. **Why do you think our work ethic matters so much to our witness in today's society? What are some things you can change to help amplify your witness in your workplace or at home?**

Be Bright. It's easy to wear the ups and downs of life on our sleeves, especially in our workplaces and at home, but it often dims the light we are trying to shine. **How would you encourage someone to shine brighter, even in the midst of trials, at work or in the home?**

Be consistent. Inconsistency often causes doubt. If we want to successfully share our faith, we must do our best to be consistent in the direction we are headed, and the decisions we make. **What can you do to become more consistent in your life and sharing our faith?**

### CHALLENGE & CLOSING PRAYER

God is calling us to be the salt and light in our schools, in the marketplace, and in our neighborhoods and homes. Our most effective witness to those around us is the way we live our lives, work in our jobs, and build our homes. Let's remember that at the end of the day, all the work we do, every word we speak, and every decision we make should be to glorify God. Let's challenge each other to be brighter and saltier this week, to become more consistent in the way we walk out our faith, and to be prepared and ready to share the love of Jesus with those around us. Close in prayer asking for the strength to live this out.

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