

WEEK FIVE EMBRACING WORK AS MISSION

LEADER NOTES

Chapter eight dives into the idea of becoming an irresistible Christian. We are struck with the idea that we can't compartmentalize our faith. Monday can't be separate from Sunday. According to Sauls "Human beings need to work because work is in our blood. As carriers of the divine imprint, as bearers of the image of God, we are, by nature and design, helplessly vocational beings." How can we then embrace our work as our mission? Does your job have to meet certain criteria for it to "have meaning"? If we can change our mindset to one that embraces all jobs as an open opportunity to share Christ's love, how much more of an irresistible Christian could we be?

"MONDAY CAN'T BE SEPARATED FROM SUNDAY"

ICE BREAKER

Have you known someone who has embraced their work as a mission? How did others perceive it?

DISCUSSION STARTER

What impacted you most from this Sunday's message?

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Do you feel your work is meaningful? What does your work have to do with your faith, and does your faith have to do with your work?

- 2. Sauls reminds his church family that their daily work is just as much God's work as is the work of missionaries and pastors that the sacred and the secular must never be seen as separate. How do you see this reflected in your own work and in the work of those around you?
- 3. On page 155, Sauls shares the story of Sisyphus. Do you relate to Sisyphus at work?
- 4. Sauls encourages readers to remember that the good work they do now will go on into eternity. Reflect on this and share one way you can see this happening from your work.

CLOSING PRAYER

God we know that you have called us to live a life of irresistible faith. We know that this means embracing all situations and using them to glorify you. Help us to take bold steps of faith in all areas of our life. Amen