



Discussion Guide for the week of May 1, 2011

Sermon Topic: Think it Through: in the Workplace – Matthew 25:14-30– Matt Cassidy & Mark McClain

Introduction: A key focus of this series is to encourage you to think about how biblical Truth and godly living connect with you life. This week we look at the connection between our faith and how we conduct ourselves in the marketplace.

Study Questions:

- 1. Managing Priorities:** Mark and Matt showed us the traditional model of a ladder of priorities and the wheel model of priorities with God as the hub. Why is the wheel model a better representation of how you should live? How does the wheel change in different seasons of life or a given year? How would you draw your priority wheel at this point in life? How do you wrestle with the issue of balance in life?
- 2. View of Work:** Many create a distinction between the sacred and the secular. What does this mean? How does this create a false dilemma of how God views our life? What do you think it means to be “salt & light” wherever you are? What does doing the “easy stuff” in being “salt & light” mean? What are your fears and/or obstacles to being “salt & light” in your place of influence? How can the concept of “prayer, care, share” help you have the courage to be “salt & light”?
- 3. Godly Management:** Read Matthew 25:14-30. What is the role of the Master? What is the role of the servants? Describe the principles you see in this parable and how they apply to you. How do you feel about people getting different types and qualities of gifts? Are you at peace with your level of giftedness? What is the problem of dreaming outside of your abilities?
- 4. Think It Through:** What ways do you see yourself being a good steward of what God has given you? What are areas you could do better? What steps do you need to take to better implement the principles from this lesson?