

Strengthening your Marriage Week 14

Col 3:22-4:1

Icebreaker-Family tree –Alissa Adams

Opening prayer-Jeremy

Last week-review challenge-Does anyone want to share what they did for their parents?

Last week-Covered honoring parents and embittering our children. Few things we wanted to touch on from last week that carry into this week:

Our attitude says a lot!

Ex. When Dr.'s say that a baby can sense stress...so can older kids/adults.

Q Is there something that you KNOW makes you unkind/impatient etc? A pet peeve?How about your spouse?

For me it is something extremely simple.DOG HAIR. It puts me in a bad mood, so I try to keep it under control☺

Practically speaking- I ATTEMPT to have house calm/dinner ready, etc so when everyone gets home things run smoother. Happiness/peacefulness is contagious.

Q Name some things we can do to make our homes or workplaces more peaceful/loving/God honoring?

Col 3:22 Slaves, obey your earthly masters in everything; and do it, not only when their eye is on you and to win their favor, but with sincerity of heart and reverence for the Lord. Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for men, since you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward. It is the Lord Christ you are serving. Anyone who does wrong will be repaid for his wrong, and there is no favoritism. Masters, provide your slaves with what is right and fair, because you know that you also have a Master in heaven.

Q Why should slaves obey their earthly masters?

Q Does this mean that slavery is OK?

Q What situation is this like today?

Q What is the best job you've ever had? What made it that way?

Q Can you think of the best boss/employer you've ever had?

Q How should slaves/employees obey?

Q How do we work for the Lord and not man?

Q Do you have a hard time viewing work as a spiritual activity?

Q What is the proper motivation for work? BACK TO ATTITUDE...

Q What factors at work or home make you unmotivated at work and tempt you to do less than your best?

Q Is there an example of when you should not obey your employer?

Q Who is the hardest working person you know? What makes him/her that way? THAT is how we should ALL be working for the LORD!

Q If you are an employer, what practices/policies could you put into place to stimulate workers to do best? How about spouses? What can we do in our homes to support one another to do our BEST work for Jesus?

Challenge:

As you arrive at your workplace or start your day with housework/errands, say a prayer that God would help you work for Him, not man!