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The Sacred Mission of Work

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Our _____ God deserves a _____ response of glory: a follower with no boundaries.
Psalms 115:1-3; Matt 6:33; Avg Christian Male spends 56 hrs/week at work – ½ of waking hours

How we integrate our transcendent response must be _____ and _____.
Matthew 10:16; 1 Peter 3:15

Our _____ CEO's office is always open when we need _____.
Hebrews 4:15-16; Colossians 3:1, 23

Top Observations

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Focus of Encouragement

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Power, approval, comfort, and control are _____ at work who _____ us.

Psalms 115:4-8; Romans 1:25; Matt 6:21; "Human heart is a factory of idols." John Calvin

Shifting from idols to trust never produces _____ when _____
and our _____ is revealed.

Psalms 115:9-16; Prov 1:7, 3:13-14; Drive by Daniel Pink

Recognize _____ and cut them down.

_____ the Lord with your work.

Psalms 115:17-18; Hebrews 4:15-16; Colossians 3:23

Psalm 115

- 1 Not to us, O Lord, not to us, but to your name give glory,
For the sake of your steadfast love and your faithfulness!
[the psalmist mentions steadfast love over 123 times; 191 times in OT]
- 2 Why should the nations say "Where is their God?"
[natural response when Israel worships idols too]
- 3 Our God is in the heavens; he does all that he pleases.
[Israel's actions did not acknowledge God's power over idols]
- 4 Their idols are silver and gold, the work of human hands.
[Idols bring men glory which is why we make them]
- 5 They have mouths, but do not speak; eyes, but do not see.
[Our God speaks to us and sees us when we need Him]
- 6 They have ears, but do not hear; noses, but do not smell.
[Our God hears our cries for help as well as our worship]
- 7 They have hands, but do not feel; feet, but do not walk;
and they do not make a sound in their throat.
[Our God moves and works in His Creation which He speaks into existence.]
- 8 Those who make them become like them;
so do all who trust in them.
[We will become like what we worship and love.]
- 9 O Israel, trust in the Lord,
He is their help and their shield.
- 10 O house of Aaron, trust in the Lord,
He is their help and their shield.
- 11 You who fear the Lord, trust in the Lord!
He is their help and their shield.
[Fear of the Lord - preeminence of the Lord and trust in Him above all other influences]
- 12 The Lord has remembered us; he will bless us;
He will bless the house of Israel;
He will bless the house of Aaron;
- 13 He will bless those who fear the Lord,
both the small and the great.
[Trust, both small and large, brings unseen blessing and no regret.]
- 14 May the Lord give you increase,
you and your children!
[Not prosperity gospel, but increase of good things in family]
- 15 May you be blessed by the Lord,
who made heaven and earth!
- 16 The heavens are the Lord's heavens,
but the earth he has given to the children of man.
[While man believes he is controlling this world, His kingdom will reign]
- 17 The dead do not praise the Lord,
nor do any who go down into silence.
- 18 But we will bless the Lord
from this time forth and forevermore.
Praise the Lord!
[We can choose to live a silent or fleshly life, or bless the Lord by responding to His steadfast love and faithfulness by imitating it.]

"YOU WORK FOR THE KING, AND THAT CHANGES . . . EVERYTHING!

No matter what you do, your job has inherent purpose and meaning because you are doing it ultimately for the King. Who you work for is more important than what you do."

Sebastian Traeger, The Gospel at Work



Excellence of a Craftsman

Could mission create a deeper passion for your role in your workplace?

What do you need to do to be excellent at your craft?

What behavior or work product could give you opportunities for “a question”?



Connection of a Storyteller

Do you live in such a way that creates stories outside of work to tell your coworkers?

How can you connect stronger with your coworkers and hear their stories?

Do you have your gospel story ready if an opportunity to bridge happens?



Empathy of a Counselor *(use discretion/boundaries with women)*

Are there hurting people in your workplace that you could minister to?

Do you connect with people at all levels of your organization?

How well do you empathize with others in the workplace?



Legacy of a Mentor

Are there younger coworkers who want a business mentor?

As you connect deeper with this coworker’s life, are there bridges to talk about your faith?

Business books that create bridges – Drive (Pink), Start with Why (Sinek), On Purpose Person (McCarthy)

“Everyone will be forgotten, nothing we do will make any difference, and all good endeavors, even the best, will come to naught.

Unless there is God. If the God of the Bible exists, and there is a True Reality beneath and behind this one, and this life is not the only life, then every good endeavor, even the simplest ones, pursued in response to God's calling, can matter forever.”

Tim Keller, Every Good Endeavor

Brainstorm with your table other ways you can connect with co-workers. Write down at least one way you want to strategically and intentionally work toward your own workplace ministry.