**February 17, 2019 Sermon and Community Group Notes**

1. **The Bible and \_\_\_**

* Supporting Scriptures Used: Galatians 3:28; The letter of Philemon (cf. 1:15–17)

1. **Instructions to \_\_\_ (Ephesians 6:5–8)**

* Supporting Scriptures Used: Colossians 3:23–24; 2 Corinthians 5:10; Ecclesiastes 12:14

1. **Instructions to \_\_\_ (Ephesians 6:9)**

* Supporting Scriptures Used: Matthew 25:40, 45; Colossians 4:1; Matthew 20:25–28; 1 Corinthians 7:21–22

**Community Group Discussion and Application Questions**

1. **The Bible and \_\_\_**

**Comprehension Questions:**

* What are some of the major differences between slavery in ancient Rome and American slavery?

* Why didn’t Paul advocate for the abolition of slavery?
* How would you respond to someone who says that the Bible is pro-slavery?

1. **Instructions to \_\_\_ (Ephesians 6:5–8)**

**Comprehension Questions:**

* What is Paul’s one command to slaves in Ephesians 6:5? What is the picture of obedience that he paints in Ephesians 6:5–8? How does this apply to Christians in the workplace today?
* What is the major principle of Ephesians 6:5–8 (cf. also Colossians 3:23–24)? What implications does this have for Christians in the workplace today?

**Application Questions:**

* Would you call yourself an “obedient” employee at work? Why/why not?
* What is your relationship to your boss at work like? What can you do to improve this relationship and to be a better employee at work?
* Is there anything you need to apologize for as an employee? What will you do to change?

1. **Instructions to \_\_\_ (Ephesians 6:9)**

**Comprehension Questions:**

* What is the meaning of Paul’s command to masters in verse 9 to “*do the same*” (cf. Ephesians 6:7–8)? How does this apply to Christians in the workplace today?
* What does Paul remind masters of in verse 9 about their Master (cf. also Colossians 4:1)? What implications does this have for Christians in the workplace today, particularly those in management?

**Application Questions:**

* As a leader (whether at work, at home, in the church, or otherwise), how do you treat those whom you are leading?
* Would you say that you are a servant leader? Why/why not?
* What can you do to become a better leader?