



Note: This curriculum covers the entire sermon series.

INTRODUCTION

Christ followers are called to be set apart, on mission, full-time. Unfortunately, many people have created a division between the “sacred” and the “secular”. From a Christian perspective, life should be viewed as one large circle with God in the centre. Everything else is to find its meaning and perspective from that centre. God wants to be involved in every area of our life – not just our spiritual life. All of life is sacred. There is no division between “sacred” and the “secular”. We are chosen by God to represent Him to everyone, everywhere.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Share about your work – what do you enjoy about your job and what is frustrating about it?

If you are a student, what are some criteria to consider when contemplating a potential job or career choice? Or if you are a retiree, how can you continue to make a contribution – without retiring from life?

2. Discuss the common divide between “sacred” and “secular.” What are some practical ways we can include, and be more aware of, God in the daily routines of our lives?
3. What does it look like to be set apart for God’s purpose in our workplace/school/home? Or what does it look like to do our daily work/chores “in Jesus’ name”?

Share some personal stories of your adventures with God in your everyday life.

4. Do a study on 1 Peter 2:9-12. You can use the inductive bible study method below as a guide.
 - i. Posture your heart. Spend some time in prayer and ask the Holy Spirit to be your teacher. Open your heart to the Lord to speak to you.

- ii. Read the passage aloud.
- iii. Ask some context questions of the passage:
 - What sort of writing is this? (a letter, a poem, a narrative etc?)
 - Are there any clues about the circumstances under which it was written?
 - What has happened so far in this particular book of the Bible?
- iv. Some observation questions of the passage:
 - Are there any major sub-sections or breaks in the passage?
 - What is the main point or points?
 - What surprises are there?
 - What are the key words? What words or ideas are repeated?
- v. Some meaning questions of the text:
 - How does this passage relate to other parts of the book?
 - How does the passage relate to Jesus?
 - What does this teach you about God?
 - How could you sum up the meaning of this passage in your own words?
- vi. Some application questions of the passage:
 - How does this passage challenge (or confirm) your understanding?
 - Is there some attitude you need to change?
 - How does this passage call on you to change the way you live?

WHAT WOULD YOU DO

A person with a Christian worldview sees things differently. Whether he is a primary school teacher or an executive in a leading multi-national organization or a pastor in a local church, all he does can be for God's glory.

“Faith in Jesus Christ is not mere mental assent but a life-changing, life-pervading relationship with the living Lord. Therefore, all that we do is informed and influenced by His Word and His power. In every decision, action and thought one draws from the foundation of Jesus Christ and the guiding principles of His Word. When all the parts of our lives are surrendered fully to the Lord and bringing honor to Him, then and only then are we truly living.” ~ *Michael Stewart, “Sacred or Secular, Why you shouldn’t divide your Life”*

God has created you uniquely and set you apart for His purpose. Would you partner with God and view all of life as sacred?

CHANGING YOUR MIND

“But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God’s special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light.” (1 Pet 2:9)