

Small Group Study Guide- Ephesians 6:5-9
Walk in Love Part Ten

Needless to say, you can love people without leading them, but you cannot lead people without loving them.

-John Maxwell

1) The submission of the employee. (Eph. 6:5-8)

- When we think of the relationship between master and slave, how do we compare this with the modern work environment? How does our understanding of us being a slave (*doulos*) to Christ, help us walk this out?
- Employees are commanded to be obedient. Give simple examples of disobedience that we commonly accept within the work place? As Christians, are we modeling workplace excellence or hurting our testimony? How easy is it to get drawn into bitterness, divisiveness and/or slander within a workplace? How often do we assume we are not being treated fairly, because our flesh longs for more? How can we be content? (1Tim. 6:6-10 and Philippians 4:10-13)
- Give examples of obedience done right and wrong. Why are we called to be obedient to earthly masters? What is our reward? How can we focus on God's economy more?

2) The submission of the employer. (Eph. 6:9)

- If we have been entrusted to be a boss, owner and/or leader, do we treat our employees the way we want to be treated? (Look back to Ephesians 6:6)
- How would you define "mutual submission" between boss and employee?
- Bosses have a great responsibility to lead companies and provide for employees and their families. How can bosses lead in love? What does it look like to not lead with partiality? Are bosses more accountable to God for leading wisely or poorly? Why or why not?
- How might we see the interplay of "love and respect" within the workplace? Think about mutual submission but roles within the workplace and discuss.