

COMMUNITY GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE

Spring 2025 - Trained By The Gospel - "Gospel Blueprint for Life - Week 5"

Monday, Feb. 3 - Sunday, Feb. 9 (Week 1)

EMPHASIS FOR THE MONTH: *Laying the Foundation*. As we kick off this month, let's be intentional about building strong relational foundations in our groups. Whether it's getting to know new members or catching up with returning ones, take time to foster connection. A simple question, sharing food and/or drink, or an extra moment to listen can go a long way in cultivating trust and belonging. Healthy groups start with strong relationships. Let's lead with intentionality and care. I would love to hear how it's going. Feel free to share any wins or creative ideas!

ICE BREAKER: If you could have any job in the world, what would it be and why?

CAB ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. On Saturday, February 22 at 6 PM the Prime Timers will be joined by the CAB Youth Group for a potluck dinner, a testimony by Jim Moylan, and then a friendly generational challenge of wits! Prime Timers, please sign up in our Monday email newsletter and indicate what dinner item you will bring. If you have any questions, please contact Kris Rienstra at kgrienstra@gmail.com
2. Our Outreach Team is collecting diapers (sizes 3, 4, 5, & 6, along with wipes) to support the Pregnancy Resource Center. Diapers can be dropped off at church on Sunday mornings. If you have any questions please reach out to Pam Romano at 4n4romano@gmail.com
3. We hope you will join us every Tuesday night at 6:30 PM for our weekly prayer gathering.
4. We will be holding our next Child Dedication Class this Saturday, February 8 at 10 AM. To sign up to attend or if you have any questions, please contact our BergenKIDS Director, Barbara Krieger at barbara.krieger@churchatbergen.org

PRAYER FOR DISCUSSION: Leader or Co-Leader prays for the discussion time. Pray that the The Holy Spirit would assist in the conversing, processing, and listening of the discussion.

SERMON DISCUSSION TIME: Have someone read the passage: Titus 2:9-10, and then read this sermon summary to jog everyone's memory:

In the sermon, Pastor Mike reflects on Paul's letter to Titus, emphasizing the importance of the Gospel not only as a message of salvation but also as a framework for how to live and work. The sermon, part of a mini-series titled "Gospel Blueprint for Life," breaks down the nuances of being a Christian in the workplace. Pastor Mike highlights that Christians should adopt a posture of submission to their authority figures, aiming to be well-pleasing and avoiding conflict, while also being faithful and trustworthy in their duties. This manner of working is not just about following orders; rather, it forms an integral part of a Christian's witness and testimony. The overarching motivation for maintaining such conduct in the workplace is to adorn the doctrine of God our Savior. Pastor Mike explains that how Christians perform their work directly impacts perceptions of Jesus and Christianity.



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The goal is not merely to complete tasks or meet expectations but to represent Christ's character through diligent, honest, and joyful work. By doing so, Christians not only enhance their credibility when discussing faith but may also spark an interest in Jesus among their coworkers. As the sermon ended, Pastor Mike urged believers to reflect on their work ethic, encouraging them to restore any broken witness and to remember that even mundane tasks can have eternal significance when done with a heart aimed at glorifying Jesus.

QUESTION #1: Has your idea of submission in the workplace changed after studying this passage? Can you share an experience where you had to submit to authority at work? How did it feel, and what was the outcome?

QUESTION #2: What does integrity look like in your current job? Have you ever faced a situation where your integrity was tested? How did you respond?

QUESTION #3: How do you think your work can adorn the gospel of Jesus Christ? Can you share an example of someone whose work ethic made Jesus more attractive to you?

QUESTION #4: What is your primary motivation for working? How does this align (or does it align?) with this passage in Titus about making Jesus attractive through our work?

QUESTION #5: What challenges do you face in living out your faith at work? How can the group support you in these challenges?

PRAY TOGETHER: Spend time taking **and recording** prayer requests and then pray together as a group (*I strongly encourage you to send out the prayer requests weekly to your group to keep everyone informed and in the loop on how to pray for one another throughout the week. This also makes it easier to check-in with people who have shared requests to see how the Lord has been working in their lives*).

