



# MESSAGE NOTES

THE LOOP

## THE GOSPEL IN THE WORKPLACE

Apr 26, 2015 • Dr. David Self • Ephesians 6:5–9

### ► Changing our world requires \_\_\_\_\_ thinking.

"Slaves, obey your human masters with fear and trembling, in the sincerity of your heart, as to Christ." (v. 5)

- The Tension: Forcing society to immediately affirm Scripture may be both unreasonable and unobtainable. (Ex: Philemon/Onesimus: "I am sending him back to you" *Philemon* 12)
- However, the church must retain its prophetic voice of biblical truth.

### ► Working "as to Christ" requires \_\_\_\_\_ service.

- Respect: "Don't work only while being watched, in order to please men, but as slaves of Christ, do God's will from your heart" (v. 6)
- Relationship: "Serve with a good attitude, as to the Lord and not to men," (v. 7)
- Responsibility: "knowing that whatever good each one does, slave or free, he will receive this back from the Lord." (v. 8) (cf. Colossians 3: 22–25: energy, enthusiasm, and expectation)

### ► Leading "in the same way" requires \_\_\_\_\_ values.

- Respect: "And masters, treat your slaves the same way, without threatening them,"
- Relationship: "because you know that both their Master and yours is in Heaven,"
- Responsibility: "and there is no favoritism in Him." (v. 9)

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### SCRIPTURE MEMORY VERSE

Previous: *Ephesians* 1:17–19; *Ephesians* 2:4–5; *Ephesians* 3:20–21; *Ephesians* 4:26–27, *Ephesians* 5:6–8

Current: *Ephesians* 6:13–17

*"This is why you must take up the full armor of God, so that you may be able to resist in the evil day, and having prepared everything, to take your stand. Stand, therefore, with truth like a belt around your waist, righteousness like armor on your chest, and your feet sandaled with readiness for the gospel of peace. In every situation take the shield of faith, and with it you will be able to extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one. Take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is God's word."*



# WEEK AT A GLANCE



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Week ending Apr 19, 2015

First-time givers 37

Total number of givers 1,485

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Life Bible Study (all campuses) 4,905

Mission Bible Study 471

**Total Bible Study 5,376**

MidLink (The Loop) 1,188



## DECISIONS APR 19, 2015

### Baptized

Akbal Alvarez

Veronica Avila-Alvarez

### For Baptism

Drew Eckhardt

Courtney Reese

Kendall Eckhardt

Mark Reese

Ryan Fortner

### From Other Fellowship

Sarah Bradley

Aubrey Nebeker

Bobbie Galatian

Travis Nebeker

Lauren Lukefahr

Michael Reinhard

Philip Lukefahr

### Statement

Tanya Cavazos

Kevin Froehlich

Magen Fortner



## BIRTHS

- Thomas & Lindsay Alleman in the birth of their son, Thomas Wyatt.

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