

DISCUSSION GUIDE

Prayer

- Break off into smaller groups of men and women for 10 minutes of prayer.

Introduction

- In the church, we choose our leaders, but in the world, we don't always choose our bosses. Today's text will teach us how to relate to those in leadership in a work environment.
- *Who is the best boss you've ever had? What made the relationship click?*

Read 1 Timothy 6:1-2

- Helpful context: "The Roman institution of being a bondservant was different from slavery in North America. Bondservants were permitted to work for pay and to save enough to buy their freedom. The NT assumes that trafficking in human beings is a sin." (1 Tim. 1:10) (ESV Study Bible)
- *How are the principles of this passage counter-cultural?*
- *In what ways did Jesus demonstrate a servant-like attitude?*
- *How does our attitude toward work and bosses impact the world's perspective on Christianity?*
- *In what areas in your life should you "serve all the better"?*
- *Who benefits from your labor? What motivates you to serve them well?*
- *How can you apply this passage to your work this week?*

"One-Anothering"

- Each discussion guide this year will feature one of the scriptures' "one another" statements. These instructions guide us on how to love one another.
- *Bear with one another (Ephesians 4:2)*