

# CLOSER LOOK

Bringing the weekend message into daily lives

## ENDEAVOR- Week 2

MARCH 13, 2022

### Scriptures:

Judges 6: 1-6; Colossians 4: 12-13; Mark 9: 23-34

### Icebreaker Question:

It's Spring Break week! Have you had any airport fiasco stories to share with the group?

### MESSAGE NOTES:

#### **It's Time To Get To Work. Why It Matters:**

1. Work Matters Because It's From God
2. Work Matters Because It's Ministry
3. Work Matters Because It Makes A Difference

#### **How Does God Work?**

1. God Works Through People Who Are Willing To Suffer
2. God Works Through Passionate People
3. God Works Through Humble People
4. God Works Through Servant Hearted People
5. God Works Through Believing People

### QUESTIONS:

1. This week's message reflected on the mission field of our workplace whether that be corporately, as a tradesman, or within our homes. We were each divinely placed at our places of work as God truly orders a man's steps. With this in mind, how do you feel about your current "mission field"? Are you content? Excited? Frustrated? Hating? Share with the group how you came to this particular job and how you feel now.

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2. Ps Joe shared about a conversation he had with Mark Green who owns Hobby Lobby. He was struck by the statement Mark made about his father who launched the company who said, "I was anointed to be a merchant". Many of us attribute being anointed with being a pastor, a leader, or a worship leader. Thinking of your own job and work environment, how have you been personally anointed by God to work where you do? Everyone take a turn and share.
3. We all heard a different angle in the life of Gideon today as we learned of him "working" to thresh the wheat in a winepress because it was a safe place. One of the things Ps Joe mentioned was that Gideon was "grinding it out in a place he never wanted to be". Have you been there with your job? Where you hate it but you are there anyway? How do you endure each day?
4. God partners with passionate people. Epaphrus was passionate and fervent (See Colossians 4: 12-13). Work is not a place where most of us feel "passionate". Think about your work and name 3 things that you enjoy or know that you do well there. This is a start to becoming passionate.
5. In Mark 9: 23-24, Ps Joe invited us to think about these words, "I believe in you, now help my unbelief". Working while we are suffering, or not enjoying it, or wondering what we will do next is hard when we know God made a way for us to be there. What area of unbelief are you struggling with and why?

### CHALLENGE:

How can you embrace your vocation with boldness and a newfound "grind" like Gideon this week?

### PRAYER:

*"God, we come before You today with a willing spirit, give us boldness to seek You in our day to day lives. Help us to have courage to reach those around us. We pray that we live as examples of you. Help us to steward what we have been given. In Jesus' name, Amen."*