

**PMC SERMON “LIVE IT OUT” GUIDE**

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Title: The God of Your Workplace

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[**For Group Leaders:** The following serves only as a guide. Please feel free to adapt according to the needs of your group.]

**1. SERMON RECAP**

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- a. We are accountable to God for work (Colossians 3:23)
- b. Our accountability is to the Lord who:
  - i. knows us intimately (Psalms 139:1-6)
  - ii. is sovereign and has laid out His plans for us (Jeremiah 29:11)
  - iii. is ever present with us (Psalms 139:1-6)
- c. We focus on Christ at work and deny ourselves in order to do His will (Luke 9:23). Following Christ is to be “employed for Him or be laid aside for Him” (Wesley Covenant Prayer)
- d. We work heartily (‘out of our soul’) so as to be light of the world (Matt 5:14)
- e. Christ is King of our workplace. He will transform our lives at work through our acts of worship, obedience to Him, and rest in Him.

**2. LIVE IT OUT**

<b>Right Relationship (with God)</b>	God who: knows us intimately (Ps 139:1-6) is sovereign (Jer 29:11) is ever present (Ps 139:1-6)
<b>Right Focus</b>	Deny ourselves, follow Christ (Matt 6:24), (Luke 9:23)
<b>Right Attitude</b>	Work heartily for God (Col 3:23) Serve others - Light of the world (Matt 5:14)

- a. Share with your group – which area do you find most challenging – having the right **Relationship, Focus, or Attitude?** (Ask a few to elaborate)
- b. Break into groups of 2 or 3 and share examples of how you have *denied yourself and followed Christ* (Luke 9:23) at your workplace. [Be specific, and cite recent examples]
- c. In light of Paul's exhortation in Col 3.23, how do we respond

to the following situations? (Ask a few to share)

- i. Bugged down with lots of work and doing overtime everyday
  - ii. Constantly facing unrealistic deadlines
  - iii. Frustrated by difficult and uncooperative colleagues
  - iv. Caught in a fix because of a misjudgment or foolish act on our part?
- d. Do you know someone who has the attitude of “working heartily for God and serving others”? Share how that has resulted in worship (which pleases the Lord) and witness (which draws people to Him).

### 3. **PRAY**

- a. Take a moment to reflect on who is the true "boss" of your workplace. When there are problems at work, who do you turn to first? Where does your security lie when the road ahead looks uncertain?  
>> Start the week by making a decision to commit your work and your workplace to God. You can start small by simply starting your day at the desk (or kitchen!) with a short prayer to yield the day to God.
- b. Pray for group members who might be struggling in their current work or workplace. Ask them to share, and pray for them specifically.

### 4. **GOING DEEPER**

- a. Do I see my present job as the “good plan” according to God’s promise in Jeremiah 29:11? What insights can you draw from the words of pastor and teacher Henri Nouwen:

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(From his book, *Reaching Out*)

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