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Worship as a lifestyle
Loving God through the week

“worship” is a demonstration of love

- Acts of “worship” involve ...
 - Time
 - Money
 - Affection
 - Energy
 - Effort
 - Thought
 - Moods (up or down as a result)
 - Sacrifice (resources of money, time, relationships,...)
 - Arranging (or rearranging) schedule
 - Etc.

- To think about this week:

What does your life reveal about your “loves”?

How should the following verses affect our “loves” and “worship” in real-life, practical terms?

"You shall have no other gods before me. You shall not make for yourself an image in the form of anything in heaven above or on the earth beneath or in the waters below. You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I, the Lord your God, am a jealous God..." Exodus 20:3-4

"Jesus said to him, "Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind". Matthew 22:37

"Do not love the world or anything in the world. If you love the world, love for the Father is not in you. For everything in the world - the cravings of sinful people, the lust of their eyes and their boastings about what they have and do - comes not from the Father but from the world." 1 John 2:15 – 16

"Jesus said to him, "Away from me, Satan! For it is written: "worship the Lord your God and serve him only."“ Matthew 4:10

Worship through the week

Focus - loving God at work

Worship through the week

- Loving God involves representing Him well

“You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God, for the Lord will not hold anyone guiltless who misuses his name.” Exodus 20:7

Worship through the week

- Representing God and His name

Negatively – speaking or acting in ways that misrepresent God can bring disrespect or shame to his name.

Positively-speaking and acting in ways that bring attention and honor to God and prompt others to see him more clearly and with greater respect.

Worship through the week

Representing God and His name well
means bringing appropriate
attention and **honor** to Him.

work

home

play

Work is good

God works

“Thus the heavens and the Earth were completed in all their vast array. By the seventh day God had finished the work he had been doing;” Genesis 2:1–2

Work is good

Adam was commanded to work... before sin

“Rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky and over every living creature that moves on the ground. Then God said, “I give you every seed bearing plant on the face of the whole Earth and every tree that has fruit with seed in it. They will be yours for food.”” Genesis 1:28–29

Work is good

Adam was commanded to work... before sin

“The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to work it and take care of it....He brought them (all the wild animals) to the man to see what he would name them; and whatever the man called each living creature, that was his name.” Genesis 2:15, 19

Work is good

We are commanded to work

“... six days do your work...” Exodus 23:12

“For even when we were with you, we gave you this rule: “Anyone who is unwilling to work shall not eat.” We hear that some among you are idle and disruptive. They are not busy; they are busybodies. Such people we command and urge in the Lord Jesus Christ to settle down and earn the bread they eat.”
2Thessalonians 3:10–12

God-centered work

- Where do you work?

office

barn

shop

home

classroom

desk

other?

“Your _____ is the altar
upon which you worship.”

Who (or what) is worshipped?

God-centered work

“Slaves, obey your earthly masters in everything; and do it, **not only when their eye is on you** and to curry their favor, but with **sincerity of heart and reverence for the Lord**. Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working **for the Lord**, not for human masters, since you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as reward. **It is the Lord Christ you are serving.**” Colossians 3:22–24

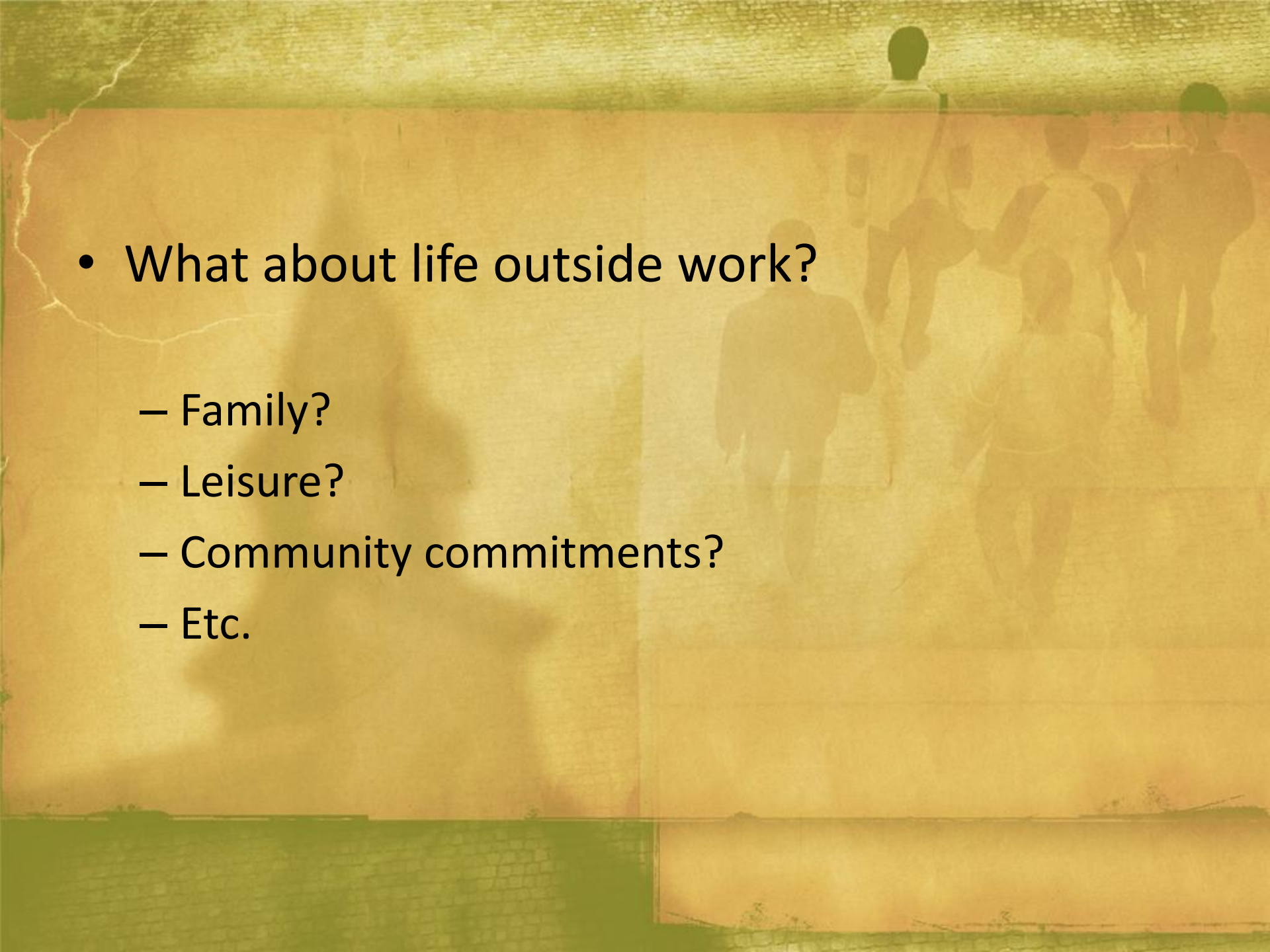
Questions to consider

- Does (would) co-workers knowing you're a Christian make them think more or less of Christianity? Think more highly or worse of God?
- Is your reputation one that would represent God and His character well? (honest, compassionate, faithful, etc.)
- Do others know why you live this way?

Does your work bring attention and honor to God?

Some suggestions

- Keep life and work and focus
 - gratitude
 - reputation
 - purpose
- Daily reminders

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- What about life outside work?
 - Family?
 - Leisure?
 - Community commitments?
 - Etc.

P.S.

***The missing piece -
A special focus: Loving God in sabbath***