



Icebreaker:

What was the worst job you ever held?

Announcements:

We invite you to attend an Information meeting for our facility expansion on April 2 or 11. This will be similar to our presentations last year but with some new information.

Prayer Time:

Pray for our building project as renovations begin in our west wing and demolition begins soon in our east wing.

Study Questions:

What are some of the toxic things you've seen in workplaces over the years? What happens when the organization's leaders and managers exhibit dysfunctional qualities? What happens to an organization's culture when it is not deliberately and consistently pointed in a positive direction? Where do people's energies tend to gravitate?

Read 2 Corinthians 1:8–11. Why does Paul let other people know about his situation? Here Paul says that “on Him we have set our hope” and that “he will continue to deliver us...” “*as you help us...*” What role did others play in helping him continue to place his hope in God during a brutally hard season?

What does Galatians 6:2 say about the role others can and should play in our lives? How can we support someone who is dealing with a difficult work environment? Which of the suggested ways (from Sunday) to support someone resonated with you?

What— according to 1 Peter 3:8–17— is the high road Jesus wants us to take when we face a bad boss, or a toxic work environment? How does God want us to respond when we face an unfair and difficult work environment?

Read 1 Peter 2:18–25. How is Jesus an example for us when we have to deal with an employer who is unfair, unkind, or incompetent? Why is it so important to maintain our composure and testimony?

Read Romans 12:9–21. What are some of the qualities God wants us to exhibit when we suffer? How are these countercultural? What gives us confidence that we can act differently (v.19)... cf 1 Peter 2:23. Since we are all going to suffer at some point in this life how should we suffer— see 1 Peter 3:17. How can learning to suffer well potentially impact another person's life? How can we be a light in our dark season?

Conversational Prayer: Dear God show me...