



Discussion Guide #2 for 4-30-17 Sermon

INTRODUCTION

Sometimes we make assumptions concerning workplace behavior with no real experience in knowing if our employer or co-workers would object to our expressions of Christian faith or not.

According to The Center For Faith And Work, employers and employees have some freedom to express their spiritual beliefs at work.. <http://centerforfaithandwork.com/article/your-legal-rights-workplace-0>

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

What are the two categories that Chuck Proudfit said we tend to sort our work life and church life into? What happens when we do that?

Chuck shared a story about a friend who lost a job for handing out tracts at work. What are better ways to bring your faith into your workplace?

Balance and appropriateness are keys in this discussion. How would you feel if a Muslim co-worker wanted to share his or her faith with you? When would that be okay? When would it be offensive? Mentally trading places with someone can help us determine a best way to speak of our faith with others.

What are your experiences with faith as a discussion point in your workplace?

What is your perception of people who share their faith at work? What are the challenges you would face if you tried to share your faith at work? Do you know if your company has a policy about “talking about religion” at work?

What are the ways that you can let people know about your faith in Christ without starting a religious conversation?

Who is a person at your workplace who would be open to a dialogue about faith?
What is one simple way you can take a step towards that conversation with them?

MOVING FOWARD

Bottom line is, by law, people of any faith, Christians included, are free to express their faith in the workplace within the bounds of courteous, respectful, appropriate and ethical behavior.