

## Ephesians 6:5-9

## For the week of April 14, 2024

## Reading the Text:

- 1. What was the big idea of the previous text, Ephesians 6:1-4? What has the big idea been of the broader context in 5:15-6:9?
- 2. Is there anything in this text that surprises you? If so, what is it and why does it surprise you? What does *NOT* surprise you, and why?
- 3. What do you think Paul means when he says "knowing that whatever good anyone does, this he will receive back from the Lord..." (v. 8)? What is the "good" we are to do, and what is the reward we will receive from God? (Consider the broader context from Eph. 5:15 and on.)
- 4. In your own words, what is the role of the bondservant (vv. 5-8)? What is the role of the master (v. 9)? Summarize each idea as simply as you can.
- 5. How would you state the big idea of Ephesians 6:5-9 in your own words?

## Living It Out:

- 1. As you read this text, where does it impact you, personally? Why?
- 2. Have you ever worked with someone who "served to be seen" (v. 6)? What was it like when the boss wasn't looking? What was their motivator to work hard at times? What is your motivation to work differently?
- 3. How would you describe a work ethic that is working for the glory of God? What are some of the key criteria in the way one thinks, acts, interacts, etc.?
- 4. How can we encourage one another to live in a way that reflects a perspective of submission to our ultimate Master. Jesus?

