



## AND: Results AND Relationship | September 13, 2017

### Discussion Guide

#### The Scoop

When it comes to success in your career or success with the people that you love, you don't have to choose one or the other.

#### Key Verse

**Colossians 3:23-24 (MSG)**

Do your best. Work from the heart for your real Master, for God, confident that you'll get paid in full when you come into your inheritance. Keep in mind always that the ultimate Master you're serving is Christ.

#### Discussion

We have a natural inclination as humans to either more fully invest in career success or in relational success. Some of us will work doggedly towards our career aspirations, while others of us will diligently pursue successful relationships.

1. Do you think you invest in your career or in your relationships more? Why?
2. If you invest in one or the other more (results or relationships), do you ever feel a need to invest more in the one you may neglect? What are the struggles you face?

While we often consider results and relationships to be mutually exclusive, this is not the case. It is possible and advantageous to pursue both relationship success and career success. The successful and satisfied people find a way to leverage "the power of AND" to both pursue relationship and career success.

3. Why do you think it is often hard to invest in both relationship and results?
4. What are some ways you can leverage "the power of AND" to find balance and improve both your career and your relationships?

In Colossians, God calls us to do our best work and set goals because it reflects on Him. But we are also called to invest in people because it reflects Jesus. Results and relationships are not an either/or propositions. Jesus asks us to do both well.

5. What are some places in your career where you can invest in relationships?
6. Why do you think investing in either results or relationships doesn't reflect the full picture of God?

#### What's Next?

This week consider your goals, do you have clear direction on results growth and taking time to invest in people? God wants us to be at our best at whatever we do and Jesus set the example for investing in the lives of others. It's clear that God's desire is for us not choose either/or when it comes to results or relationships.