

# Frontline Sundays

## Small Group Discussion Guide

Find the corresponding service plans and sermon notes at [licc.org.uk/frontlinesundays](https://licc.org.uk/frontlinesundays)

Each session guides a group through the theme of that Sunday's sermon and film, studying the Bible passage, exploring it in-depth, and praying for one another. A reminder summary of the sermon is included so everyone can join the discussion, even if they missed it on Sunday. You'll want to tailor your discussions to your own group dynamic and encourage each participant to take notes and capture prayer needs. We trust the discussion will lead to a deeper shared understanding of one another's frontlines and their potential for the Kingdom of God.

**Frontline Sunday 1:** All the difference in the world

**Frontline Sunday 2:** Wherever we are

**Frontline Sunday 3:** Whatever we do

**Frontline Sunday 4:** Whoever we are

**Frontline Sunday 5:** Together we grow

# WHATEVER WE DO

**Whatever we do – the ‘work’ of our hands, however small and insignificant it may seem – matters to God. It’s part of our worship and how we serve others and bear witness to God. There can be Kingdom significance in our daily tasks and activities, however great or small.**

## **Aim**

**To explore how you can grow as Jesus’ representative through what you do day by day.**

## **Recall your Sunday theme**

**Pray to start, then read Colossians 3:15–24, and briefly recall the sermon together, asking what stuck with each person.**

## **Sermon reminder**

The sermon focused on the idea that ‘whatever you do, do it ALL in the name of Jesus. Do it with ALL your heart.’ Many Christians live unconsciously with a sacred-secular divided way of thinking about their daily lives. Some things are accepted as being important to God, and the rest is ‘just life’. Paul will have none of that thinking – he uses the phrase ‘whatever you do’ in a worship context (15–17) and in an everyday work context (22–24). The idea of doing something in someone else’s name is that you are acting as that person’s representative. If that person is Jesus, that changes everything! It’s this attitude to the ordinary joys and challenges of our everyday tasks and activities that can mark us out as Christians.

## Explore and discuss further

In this session, allow a generous amount of time to pray together. Take about 15 minutes each for the passage and the film. Then use question seven as a springboard into praying for one another.

### Explore Colossians 3:15–24

- 1 What difference does it make to do things 'in the name of Jesus' in our everyday lives?
- 2 In verse 17, this seems to be in the context of our gathered worship. How can our worship be offered in the 'name of Jesus'?
- 3 In verse 23, Paul encourages the slaves to work 'with all your heart, as working for the Lord.' What does that mean for us today?

### Watch the film

Watch *Film 3 – Whatever* ([licc.org.uk/frontlinesundays](http://licc.org.uk/frontlinesundays)) and discuss what struck each person.

- 4 Reflect on the things you've done today. How do you imagine yourself doing these things 'for the Lord'?
- 5 Paul says that people will be rewarded by the Lord as they work 'for the Lord'. What do you imagine this reward might involve?

### Explore discipleship

*Disciple (n): someone who is learning the ways of Jesus in their context at this moment.*

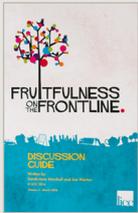
- 6 There are lots of different ways of describing what it means to be a disciple, and this one does not include everything. However, what advantages do you see in this definition?
- 7 We learn the ways of Jesus as we are involved in our daily tasks. What are you learning about the ways of Jesus at the moment? Encourage your group to share how Jesus and his ways inspire them to see what to do on their frontlines, and how they can do these things in a Christ-like way.

## Close in prayer

As you pray for one another, help each other offer your everyday tasks and activities to God as you work and live 'in the name of the Lord'.

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