April 3, 2016 Series: Relationships Made New Doug Rutt Pastor-Teacher

Employees Made New Colossians 3:22-25

♦ A Social Reality in the New Testament:

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◊ More than <u>half</u> of the people in Roman cities were slaves.

♦ The word to slaves is <u>obey</u>, not <u>revolt</u>.

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♦ A Redeemed View of Work

◊ Whatever I do, I do <u>for the Lord</u>.

◊ Work is part of God's perfectly <u>created order</u>, not a result of <u>the fall</u>.

♦ Working to provide for <u>myself</u>, my <u>family</u>, and <u>others</u> is an act of <u>obedience</u> to God and therefore <u>glorifies</u> Him.

♦ There is nothing <u>secular</u> about my work. It is all <u>sacred</u>.

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## Application Questions Employees Made New Doug Rutt, Pastor-Teacher April 3, 2016

1. What was encouraging or challenging to you from this week's teaching?

2. What was your first job? What has been the job you have liked least?

- 3. How does "God is my boss" impact your thinking about your earthly boss and your job?
- 4. Why do you think we tend to think of only some jobs as sacred, while other jobs are not?
- 5. What makes a job sacred?
- 6. How would you encourage someone who thinks their job has very little meaning?