

# Ch 9: The Work and the Life

## Steps to Christ

### Part 1: p. 77-80

Human beings were created to constantly serve those around us. However, when sin came into the world, we became self-serving instead. God's plan of salvation replaces our selfish heart with a heart of love and restores us to our original design.

#### Discussion Questions

1. According to STC pg. 77, what makes heaven so blissful is that everyone serves each other constantly. What are some ways in which you can start practicing heaven by serving those around you?
  - a. Help someone with the dishes
  - b. Helping someone mow their lawn
  - c. Other ideas?
2. God wants us to be involved in sharing the Gospel (truth about Jesus). How can you better do that in your life?
  - a. Not being afraid to admit your Christianity
  - b. Inviting a friend to a church event
  - c. Other?
3. What are some of the benefits of sharing your faith with other people?
  - a. They will live a better life
  - b. Less stress due to Sabbath keeping
  - c. Peace as a result of having a relationship with God
  - d. Other?

#### Activity

Pick one of the activities from question 1 and set a date/time when you will complete it. At the beginning of Part 2, discuss what you learned and felt as a result of serving someone else.

### Part 2: Rest of Chapter

God calls for us to share the good news of Jesus with the world around us. This sharing takes place as we go about our daily lives and God uses our efforts to reach others for Him.

#### Discussion Questions

1. (True/False) It is only the pastor's job to tell other people about Jesus. Why or why not?
2. Jesus was living out the purpose of His life while working in the carpenter's shop for many years. What are some ways that he might have shared the truth of God's love with other people?
  - a. Trying to do a good job
  - b. Listening to his dad (boss)
  - c. Other?

3. Think about your past work/school/daily life. What are some ways in which you have already shared Jesus with others without realizing it?
  - a. Standing up for those being bullied
  - b. Choosing to do the honest thing
  - c. Other?

### **Activity**

Determine how many members our church has (or take a guess). Now, imagine what would happen if every person brought someone else to church and what the new total membership number would be. In what ways would our church be different if this happened? What would our church do with all of the new people?

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## **Chapter 9: Notable Quotes Activity**

Locate and underline the quotes below in your copy of *Steps to Christ*. Read them at least 2x. Which of them do you think is the most:

**a. Reassuring b. Amazing c. Exciting d. Thought-provoking?**

Are there others that caught your eye?

*The spirit of Christ's self-sacrificing love is the spirit that pervades heaven and is the very essence of its bliss. This is the spirit that Christ's followers will possess, the work that they will do. (pg 77)*

*When the love of Christ is enshrined in the heart, like sweet fragrance it cannot be hidden (pg 77)*

*No sooner does one come to Christ than there is born in his heart a desire to make known to others what a precious friend he has found in Jesus; the saving and sanctifying truth cannot be shut up in his heart. (pg 78)*

*Those who thus exercise the Christian graces will grow and will become strong to work for God. They will have clear spiritual perceptions, a steady, growing faith, and an increased power in prayer. (pg 80)*

*He was as faithfully fulfilling His mission while working at His humble trade as when He healed the sick or walked upon the storm-tossed waves of Galilee. So in the humblest duties and lowliest positions of life, we may walk and work with Jesus. (pg 81)*

*You are not to wait for great occasions or to expect extraordinary abilities before you go to work for God. (pg 83)*

*The humblest and poorest of the disciples of Jesus can be a blessing to others. They may not realize that they are doing any special good, but by their unconscious influence they may start waves of blessing that will widen and deepen, and the blessed results they may never know until the day of final reward. (pg 83)*