



Culture says “whatever” as a way of meaning nothing matters, but Christians say “whatever” because everything matters. Disciples of Jesus do not divide life into sacred and secular. Following Jesus is a 24/7 commitment, and this series explores what that looks like.

These questions are designed to extend the impact of the weekend message. Use them to go deeper in your personal study time, with your family and/or with a group.

- 1 How is the word **“whatever”** typically used by most people today? How does that differ from how followers of Jesus use it (see **1 Corinthians 10:31**)?
- 2 **“WHATEVER” MEANS *I represent Christ wherever I am, whoever I’m with, however I can.*** When Jesus called people to follow him, he never extended any part-time invitations. And he never mentioned anything about sacred/secular distinctions. Why is that significant? **Read Colossians 3:15-17.** What stands out to you from this passage?
- 3 Let’s get more personal and take a closer look at verse 17. The Message puts it like this, *“Let every detail in your lives—words, actions, **whatever**—be done in the name of the Master, Jesus.”* How has that been going in your life lately? What area (words, actions, whatever) do you need to focus on more as you seek to **“live differently”**? Share one thing you can work on this week.
- 4 **“WHATEVER” REQUIRES... a diet of *Word and worship.*** Look back at **Colossians 3:16.** We will represent Christ poorly if his words and praise do not dwell in us richly. That is why **“worship regularly”** and **“connect with God”** are two of our Next Steps at The Hills. How have these things increased your intimacy with God? How have they shaped the way you represent Christ?
- 5 **“WHATEVER” REQUIRES... a commitment *to thanksgiving.*** Paul emphasizes this truth three times in this passage, *“be thankful”* (v. 15b), *“singing to God with gratitude in your hearts”* (16b), and *“giving thanks to God the Father”* (17b). This is not just wise counsel; it is counsel to help you be more wise. How have you experienced this to be true in your life?
- 6 **“WHATEVER” REQUIRES... a focus on *relationships.*** It is significant that right after Paul says “represent Christ whatever you do” he brings up the two areas where it is hardest: home and work. **Read Colossians 3:18-23.** How are your relationships going in these two areas? What is one thing you can focus on this week to improve them?
- 7 **MY “WHAT” DEPENDS on knowing my “why?”** Rick reminded us that “what” is built on the foundation of “why?” How should that influence every part of your life if Jesus is your “why?”
- Reminder**  
Make plans to do the Bible Reading Plan that Rick mentioned. You can find a link for it in the sermon notes for this message on The Hills APP.

