

## Sermon Notes

### The Workshop of Discipleship: Moving from Consumer to Co-Creator

#### I. Core Passage & Big Idea

- **Scripture:** Ephesians 2:8–10
- **Central Truth:** Salvation is *by grace for a purpose*—we are saved not just to enjoy blessings, but to join God in His work of restoration and creation.

#### II. The Two Spiritual Spaces

##### 1. The Showroom

- A place of *consumption*
- We admire blessings, enjoy comforts, receive ministry
- Focus: "What can I get?"
- Risk: Remaining a permanent spiritual infant

##### 2. The Workshop

- A place of *construction and co-creation*
- We are shaped, equipped, and put to work
- Focus: "What can I build?"
- Purpose: Becoming mature disciples who create Kingdom value

#### III. Key Transition: From “Saved From” to “Saved For”

- Grace is the *door* to the workshop, not the *couch* in the showroom
- We are God’s **handiwork** (Greek: *poiēma* = masterpiece, workmanship)
- Masterpieces are *made* in workshops, not bought in showrooms
- **Question:** Am I living as a consumer of grace or a collaborator with God?

#### IV. The Tools of the Workshop

*Practical discipleship tools God places in our hands:*

Tool	Spiritual Meaning	Scripture Connection
Chisel of Obedience	Daily choices that shape Christlike character	John 14:15
Hammer of Scripture	God's Word that breaks and rebuilds	Jeremiah 23:29
Brush of Intercession	Praying God's purposes over others	1 Timothy 2:1
Sandpaper of Community	Relationships that smooth our rough edges	Proverbs 27:17
Square of Justice & Mercy	Aligning our work with God's heart for the broken	Micah 6:8

## V. The Workbench: Where Discipleship Happens

- **Your workbench** = Your current sphere of influence
- Family, workplace, neighborhood, church ministry
- Each workbench has “good works” prepared specifically for you (Eph. 2:10)
- Discipleship isn't a classroom—it's a workshop with real materials and real outcomes

## VI. Call to Action

### 1. Leave the showroom mentality

- Stop evaluating faith by what you receive
- Start asking: “Where is God inviting me to create?”

### 2. Report to your workbench

- Identify one area where you've been a consumer
- Accept God's invitation to build there instead

### 3. Pick up one tool this week

- Choose one “workshop tool” to intentionally use
- Example: Use the “Brush of Intercession” to pray purposefully for 3 people daily

## VII. Closing Reflection

- **Paradigm Shift:** From “God serves me” to “I serve with God”
- **Joy Discovery:** The deepest satisfaction comes not from consuming blessings but from cooperating with the Blesser
- **Eternal Perspective:** We are apprentices in the here and now, training for eternal co-regency with Christ (2 Timothy 2:12)

### Final Challenge:

*This week, don't just ask God for blessings. Ask Him: “Master Craftsman, what would You like to build through me today?”*

### Personal Response Section

1. What is one area of my life where I've been a “showroom Christian”?
2. What “tool” do I most need God to place in my hands right now?
3. One specific “workbench” assignment I sense God giving me:

### Prayer:

*“Jesus, thank You for saving me by grace. Today I choose to move from the showroom to Your workshop. Train my hands. Shape my heart. Use my life to build what lasts for Your glory. Amen.”*