



Date & Sermon Series:

August 19/20, 2017; Time, Talent, Treasure

Speaker: Pastor Mark Batterson

Scripture Focus: Ephesians 5:15-16

Note to Leaders:

This weekend we talked about what it means to redeem time while living in the past, present, and future time dimensions. These questions provide a framework to prompt or foster discussion. Don't feel you have to use all or any of these questions and you don't have to make it to the end! Use the questions that best fit your group and let discussion flow. You can also use these questions on your own to dive deeper into this week's sermon.

Sermon Series Questions:

1. What did God reveal to you?
2. What are you going to do about it?
3. What is one element of God's character you learned?

Specific Questions:

1. Meditate on Psalm 84:10a, "Better is one day in your courts than a thousand elsewhere." What does this mean? How does this make you reflect on time differently?
2. Where in your life are you telling the temperature? What parts of your life are you altering the atmosphere as a thermostat? When you walk into a room, do you adapt to or alter the atmosphere with peace, kindness, and gentleness?
3. Who is God calling you to wash their feet? Where is he calling you to give your time?
4. Pastor Mark stated, "It's our responsibility to give the world a picture of something better. A picture of true reconciliation." How can you be a part of this?

5. Ephesians 5: 16 says, "The days are evil" and 2 Peter 3:8 says, "With the Lord a day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like a day." So Pastor Mark challenged us to redeem the time. How can you redeem the time in your life?

6. Pastor Mark said at NCC, "We don't just curse the darkness. We light candles." Where are you lighting candles in your circle of influence?

Diving Deeper:

Reread Ephesians 5:15-16.

Spend some time this week focusing on these key points:

Read 2 Corinthians 5:18- How can you be an agent of reconciliation?

- Whose feet do you need to wash?
- Pastor Mark describes sins of omission (not doing something you should've done) and sins of commission (doing something you shouldn't do). What sins of silence/omission do you need to repent of this week?

Watch: Take some time to watch the video Pastor Mark referenced, Mellody Hobson's Color Blind or Color Brave Ted Talk. Then focus on writing down your takeaways or meet with someone to talk about some of the things you are reflecting on.