

"The Wise Use of Time"

Scripture: Ephesians 5:15-21

Sermon Points:

Big Idea: What if time (our lives) is a gift from God, to be lived and enjoyed with him, spending time in the ways he says lead to life?

- -Stewarding time wisely means living life carefully. (15-17)
- -Stewarding time wisely means living life spiritually. (18-19)
- -Stewarding time wisely means living life thankfully. (20)
- -Stewarding time wisely means living life submittedly. (21)

NOTE: Small Group Leaders remind people that through the series we will discuss Time, Truth, Treasure, Talent & Tears. Through this time please pray and consider which topic to focus in on.

Group Opener: Quick social experiment in our small group...

Raise your hand if you feel like being on time is 10 min early. Which of you think that being on time is more of a general guideline.

Discussion Questions:

- 1. Share how you tend to use time (maximize and never late, or freer with time)? How does that show up in your life?
- 2. Read Ephesian 5:15-21, what part of this scripture or message spoke to you?
- 3. Ephesians 5:18-19 talks about being filled with the Holy Spirit. What are some other things people fill themselves with and how does that impact how they spend their time? What does it look like practically to fill yourself with the Holy Spirit?
- 4. Do you consider yourself a thankful person? How could living thankfully help us use our time wisely?
- 5. Based on Ephesians 5:15-21, if you were going to adjust how you spend your time, what change would you make and why?