

**DOING LIFE TOGETHER**

11. Why is it wise to recognize time as opportunity? How might this recognition change the way we utilize our time?

12. In what ways are you already using your time each week that could be redirected and refocused on God’s kingdom? How has God specially shaped your life and prepared you for His service?

13. What do you need to change about your attitude toward or use of time so that Jesus will say to you, “Well done, good and faithful servant”?

**Prayer Requests**

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**April 12, 2015**  
**A Question of Time**

**Sermon Notes**  
**Ephesians 5:15-17**

1. Be careful to live in the R\_\_\_\_\_ of W\_\_\_\_\_

C\_\_\_\_\_ Eph. 5:15b

“not as unwise but as wise”

Pro. 9:10 James 1:5

2. Be careful to live by taking full A\_\_\_\_\_ of your

O\_\_\_\_\_/T\_\_\_\_\_. Eph. 5:16a

words for time: “chromos” and “kairos”

3. Be careful to live with the knowledge of W\_\_\_\_\_

I\_\_\_\_\_.

“because the days are evil” Eph. 5:16b-17

“therefore” 1 Tim. 2:3-4

Now what?

Physically:\_\_\_\_\_

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Relationally:\_\_\_\_\_

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Professionally:\_\_\_\_\_

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Spiritually:\_\_\_\_\_

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*What do I need to do with what I have heard today?*

## **GROWTH GROUP HOMEWORK**

April 5, 2015

### **THINKING THINGS THROUGH**

1. Complete the following sentence, "If I had more time, I would . . ." Why would you choose to invest your time that way?
2. At this point in life, what responsibilities, goals, or pursuits most strongly demand your time? How do you allocate your time among these things? What values and priorities do you employ to do so?

### **DIGGING DEEPER**

#### **READ MATTHEW 25:14-18.**

3. Why is it important to recognize that the master entrusted the servants with his wealth? How does that truth relate to the way we think about the resources we have been given, including time?
4. Notice that the three men received different amounts of talents. Like the men in the parable, do you have different resources and responsibilities than others? What does that tell you about the heart of God? About stewardship?

5. How did each of the servants handle the talents the master gave them? What can we learn about wisely stewarding our time from their example?

#### **READ MATTHEW 25:19-23.**

6. In the process of earning "five more" and "two more," the servants risked losing some of it. How is it risky to invest our time and resources in God's kingdom? Though risky, why are such decisions wise?
7. When the master returned and settled accounts with his servants, how did he reward those who had doubled the amount He gave to them? In what ways do you see investing your time in God's kingdom as something that is rewarding in the here and now?

#### **READ MATTHEW 25:24-30.**

8. The third servant claimed to know the master (v. 24). Based on his actions, do you think he knew his master as well as he said? Explain.
9. Do you think it's common for people to view God as the third servant viewed his master? Explain.
10. How might the way people view God influence whether or not we invest our time wisely?