



## Small Group Discussion Guide

February 19, 2017

**Sermon Title:**

"Managing Life: Time"

**Sermon Text:** Psalm 90:1-14

**Scripture Reading:** James 4:13-17

**Leader:** Please allow a moment for introductions/visiting, and then have someone offer a brief prayer for God to meet with your group.

**Getting Started:** What time of the day do you enjoy most? What time of the day do you enjoy the least?

### Discussion:

1. The pastor began by contrasting our society's habitual hurriedness and the pace of Jesus' life and ministry. Talk through Jesus' story, do you recall a time when he seemed hurried or frantic? He certainly had important things to do. How did he maintain balance and focus?
2. **T-reasure** (vs 1-6). Our time in this life is limited. How mindful are you about the "apportioned" nature of your life? How does this affect your view of time? What does treasuring time mean to you?
3. What do you think about the pastor's assertion that time is to be valued over money because unlike money you cannot make more time? What feelings does A. W. Tozer's quote, "When you kill time, remember that it has no resurrection," create for you?
4. **I-vest** (vs 9-10). Where do you spend a majority of your available time? What would a stranger conclude about you by examining your calendar or shadowing you? Is your use of time consistent with what you value most? With your faith?
5. **M-anage** (v 12). How well do you do stewarding your time? Share some helpful tips you use. Share some of your pitfalls that others in your group might learn from.
6. What is the most important word for time management? Why are we so reluctant to use it?
7. Read Ephesians 5:14-16 and Colossians 4:5. Paul wrote in two separate letters to two different churches about the importance of managing every moment. What was his concern? What does that teach us?
8. Do you understand the distinction between the urgent and the important? What do you believe the distinction to be?

9. Browse through Genesis 1:1-2:3. What can we learn from God's creative work about managing our time?
10. **E-njoy** (v 14). Clearly the Psalmist understood there was a connection between the use of time and concerns for joy and happiness. What time issues steal happiness from you? Which ones increase happiness? Which ones produce joy?
11. Do you have enough "margin" in your life? Where do you need it? How can you begin to create it? When will you start doing so?
12. The pastor noted four benefits from increasing the margin in your life: 1) more peace, 2) better health, stronger relationships, and meaningful ministry. At what level do you find these to be true/evident in your life? Are there other benefits you could list?

**Closing:**      *Close by praying for each other. Go **SHARE JESUS . . . in Service!***