

Personal Liturgy

Week 7: Redeeming the Time

"Wherever you are, be all there. Live to the hilt every situation you believe to be the will of God."

- Jim Elliot

Primary Passages: Ephesians 5:1-2 + 15-17

Related Passages: Matthew 22:34-40, Mark 12:28-31, Luke 10:25-28, John 6:1-15

LifeGroup Study Guide:

Read and Recap: Have someone read **Ephesians 5:1-2 and 15-17** and recap the highlights from this week's sermon.

- On a scale of 1-10, how busy do you feel your life is? How often do you feel dragged through life from one thing to the next?

- How much of your busyness comes from your God-given responsibilities? Is there anywhere you need to shift your perspective from complaint to thankfulness for a full life that is hard, but healthy and productive?
- How much of your busyness is self-induced due to time-wasting distractions or a disorderly life that you aren't watching carefully?

Jesus' example: Jesus regularly focused on God's specific call for His life in a way that freed Him up to say no to other pursuits. (John 6:1-15, Mark 1:28, Luke 4:42-43 and 5:15-16) In light of God's call for all Christians to: 1.) love Him, 2.) love church family and 3.) live on mission, let's consider God's specific call for each of our lives.

- Who are the specific people God's called you to love? (Consider nuclear family, church family, and people you're living on mission with.)
- What's your plan to obediently love God and the people around you? What are your daily and weekly routines to follow through on this plan?

- What bad, neutral and/or even good things are over-busy-ing you and preventing you from faithfully following through on that plan?

Pray that we would continue to identify and remove even good and godly pursuits that aren't ours so we can better focus on what God is doing in our lives.

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