

WHAT TIME IS IT? Week 3

What are you waiting for? Life Group Notes



CONNECT QUESTIONS

If you could interview a famous person, who would you interview and what would you ask them?

What would be your ideal gift this Christmas?

1 Chronicles 12:32 ^{NLT} "From the tribe of Issachar, there were 200 leaders of the tribe with their relatives. All these men understood the signs of the times and knew the best course for Israel to take."

We know that Jesus is coming back. He's been once before and He's coming back again. We don't know when but we do know it's getting closer. At no other time in history has there been as many signs to the coming of Christ as there is now. Check out **Matthew 24**, or **Revelation 11**. What signs stand out to you?

We are a very unique generation that has limited time and global opportunity! Our lives are finite and this planet is finite – it's time that we take a look at that reality in the face and think hard about what it is that are sitting in our hearts - dreams that God has put in our hearts that we want to see happen but that haven't happened yet.

Share with one another the dreams that you are currently carrying for the future.

Ps Marissa talked about the opportunities that come our way – and the idea that these opportunities could come with a best-by date. When God gives you a dream or speaks to you about something He would like you to do there is a grace for that moment – but if we hesitate, or allow fear to hold us back, circumstances can change and that same decision made at a later time carries less weight and impact than it could have.

Do you feel you have missed any opportunities that have come to you? What were the reasons you held back? What would you do differently should a similar opportunity come your way?

Check out **Acts 22:11-16**. Ananias asked Paul a question: “What are you waiting for?” How would you respond to this question?

We all have reasons why we haven't done what's in our heart yet. E.g. I'm waiting till I'm not so busy, till I've got more energy, till the kids are older, till I've got more money, till I'm wiser...never going to be a convenient time to do what God has called you to do. Most of us are waiting for 1 of 3 things – discuss these below and share any experiences you have faced that are similar:

1. Conditions to be perfect – Check out **Matthew 14:22-33**. Peter seized the moment and walked on water. He didn't wait for optimal conditions. If God is saying NOW, then now is the perfect time, regardless of your circumstances.

2. Someone else to do something as we feel we are not the right person – **Acts 22:19-20** – Paul was saying that he felt disqualified to go to the believers – however he was obedient to God's call.

3. Feelings to change. Perhaps we feel inadequate or fearful, or are waiting to feel better about what is in front of us – however lets consider the example of Jesus facing the cross – **Luke 22:39-46**.

Christians are people who take action and change the world that they are in EVEN though conditions aren't perfect...Even though someone else could do it better... even though you're not feeling it. God has put dreams inside us and let's not carry them to heaven still unfulfilled. Ps Marissa ended with this call: Some of you need to step up...God has called you to leadership, lead a lifegroup, go on a mission's trip, to get baptised...What are you waiting for? We have one life, soon to be passed. Only that which is done for Christ will count! What plans are you making for Christ's return?

PRAYER

Pray that we would make the most of opportunities that come our way
Pray that we would be a people that make a difference, and usher in Christ's return