

Bible study for the week starting November 9, 2025

#### **SHARE**

Do a time audit: How many hours do you spend working? Sleeping? Cleaning? Entertainment? Serving? How much time do you waste?

What things that you do drain you...and what things fill you up?

How much of your time is spent WITH the Lord? (If the answer isn't ALL...then you need to change how you are viewing your time)

#### READ/STUDY/DISCUSS

- 1. Read Ephesians 5:1-2
  - i. What does it mean to walk in love as dearly loved children? Who do you imitate?
- 2. Read Ephesians 5:15-17
  - i. How do you "redeem the time"? Is it through productivity or presence? What limits our ability to be present? Hurry? Distraction? Busyness?
  - ii. How does Jesus model presence throughout his ministry?
- 3. Read Matthew 9:9-13
  - i. What does Jesus do for Matthew? How does he transform his time?
    What did he do for YOUR time?
- 4. Read Joshua 24:15.
  - i. You choose how to spend your time. In worship or on what's worthless. What do/did you choose?

Pray that we would use our time for his glory and spend it with him

## "Time and Time Again"

#### Ephesians 5:1-2;15-17

### November 9, 2025 – Pastor Ben Schrank

"Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children. And <u>WALK</u> in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God." Ephesians 5:1-2

Myths about "our" time:

- Time is SCARCE.
- DOING MORE is better.
- That time is <u>OURS</u> to begin with.

"We must ruthlessly eliminate HURRY from our lives."

- Dallas Willard

"Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise but as wise, making the <u>BEST</u> use of the time, because the days are evil."

Ephesians 5:15-16

# έξαγοραζόμενοι τὸν καιρόν – <u>REDEEMING THE TIME</u>

- To make the most of your time is not to maximize <u>PRODUCTIVITY</u>...rather it is to MAXIMIZE your presence.
- To maximize your <u>PRESENCE</u>...you must first <u>RECOGNIZE</u> His presence.
- When we <u>GIVE</u> "our" time...we get a glimpse of <u>ETERNITY</u>.

"Come unto Me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and 1 will give you  $\underline{REST}$ ." Matthew 11:28 KJV

What matters <u>MOST</u> to me is to finish what God started: the job the Master Jesus gave me of letting everyone 1 meet know all about this incredibly extravagant generosity of God. (Acts 20:24) MSG