


TIME AND AVAILABILITY

EPISODE 1: BEFORE THE WINDOW CLOSES

look back

First, **LOOK BACK** at the past week by asking, “How did we do?” Begin with prayer, then check in with one another—sharing honestly, celebrating victories, acknowledging struggles, and graciously offering practical help.

 **PRAYER** - Begin with prayer, inviting Jesus into the conversation.

Since this is the first episode of the Time & Availability Series, take time to:

- Share what brought you here and why you decided to begin this series.
- Talk about the challenges you face in finding time with your children or grandchildren.
- Reflect on how available you currently feel in your relationships with the next generation.
- Share what you hope will change as a result of this series.

look up

Next, **LOOK UP** to God’s Word by asking, “What does Jesus want us to know?” If you haven’t already, watch this week’s video: “*Time & Availability: Before the Window Closes*.” Then use the discussion questions and Scriptures to draw out the main truths together.

 **WATCH: Episode 1: Before the Window Closes**

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Episode Summary

Time with the next generation is more limited—and more valuable—than we often realize. Cultural shifts, busy schedules, and distance all compete for attention, but God calls us to live wisely and intentionally. The opportunity to influence our children and grandchildren is real, but it is not unlimited. While the window is still open, we are called to invest deeply, pursue meaningful connection, and trust God to use our presence to shape their faith.

Time is short and the needs are great. We either go big or go home. And going home isn't an option.

HOW TO USE THESE RESOURCES

Whether you’re studying on your own or with a group, each guide follows a simple yet powerful rhythm: **Look Back / Look Up / Look Forward**. For group leaders, additional instructions for leading a small group are included at the end of the first workbook in each series.

ABOUT THIS STUDY

This series helps believers engage conversations about faith and science with humility, curiosity, and confidence in God’s truth. Each episode explores how Scripture and genuine scientific discovery can complement rather than contradict one another. The goal is not to win debates, but to listen well, ask good questions, and show the harmony between God’s Word and God’s world. The final study guide in this series includes **Discussion Starters** designed to help you share these videos and discuss faith and science with your children, grandchildren, and friends.

WHAT DO YOU THINK?

1. Do you feel like you have enough meaningful time with your children or grandchildren right now? What has that looked like?
2. How have busyness, schedules, or screens affected the quality of your time together?
3. Have you experienced a difference between surface-level conversation and meaningful, focused interaction?
4. When you think about the time you do have with them, has it been easy or difficult to be intentional?
5. Studies show the younger your children are, the more time you have with them. How does that shape your role and priorities?
6. How does your faith shape the way you think about spending time with them and the role God has given you in their lives?

Episode Notes

1. Our Grandkids Have Less Time To Spend With Us

2. We Are A Mobile Culture

3. Take This Seriously Because The Window Is Closing



ESSENTIALS FOR LEADING A SMALL GROUP

These principles help create a safe, encouraging environment where everyone can grow and connect:

- **Begin with Prayer** – Invite Jesus into the meeting and ask for His guidance. Prayer can also help refocus if discussion drifts or stalls.
- **Create a Welcoming Setup** – Sit in a circle so everyone can see each other. Affirm contributions and foster an atmosphere where every question and comment is welcomed without judgment.
- **Facilitate, Don't Lecture** – Guide the conversation using thoughtful, Scripture-based questions. Aim for participants to do most of the talking while you model active listening.
- **Stay on Mission** – Gently redirect if conversation strays into politics or unrelated topics, keeping focus on the greater purpose of reaching and discipling the next generation.
- **Model Grace & Openness** – Be transparent about your own journey, admit you don't have all the answers, and set expectations for confidentiality, respect, and grace.
- **Build Relationships** – Include some social time before or after the episode to strengthen trust and connection.
- **Follow the Look Back / Look Up / Look Forward Rhythm** – Stick to the format for balance, and practice compassionate accountability—celebrating progress and offering grace for struggles.



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