

TALK IT OVER

IT'S ABOUT TIME

Go Time - Episode 5

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Open your group in prayer and remember that this is only a guide. Feel free to discuss each of the provided questions in the message notes, or simply dive deeper into just one. Before you close with prayer, take a few minutes to look over the Three Essential Questions towards the end of this document.

Icebreaker: Tell about a time when you experienced exceptional service from someone and how it made you feel.

Big Idea: *Time is our most valuable resource.*

Mark 10:43-45 (NLT) But among you it will be different. Whoever wants to be a leader among you must be your servant, and whoever wants to be first among you must be the slave of everyone else. For even the Son of Man (Jesus) came not to be served but to serve others and to give his life as a ransom for many."

Go Time: We serve others as Jesus did both inside and outside of our faith community.

GO TIME OPPORTUNITIES

1. Serve Our Church Family

Talk It Over: *1 Peter 4:10-11 (NLT) God has given each of you a gift from his great variety of spiritual gifts. Use them well to serve one another. Do you have the gift of speaking? Then speak as though God himself were speaking through you. Do you have the gift of helping others? Do it with all the strength and energy that God supplies. Then everything you do will bring glory to God through Jesus Christ.*

Questions: What are some of the gifts that God has given you to serve? Are you currently using those gifts to serve your church family? If not, what are the barriers that are preventing you from doing so?

2. Serve Our Community

Talk it Over: *Matthew 25:35-36,40 (NLT) For I was hungry, and you fed me. I was thirsty, and you gave me a drink. I was a stranger, and you invited me into your home. I was naked, and you gave me clothing. I was sick, and you cared for me. I was in prison, and you visited me...* (aside: *When did we do that?') ... 'I tell you the truth, when you did it to one of the least of these my brothers and sisters, you were doing it to me!'*

Questions: Share about a time when someone in the community has met one of your needs. What are some needs that you see in our community? (think as broadly as Adams County) How can you get more involved with serving our community?

3. Serve Our World

Talk it Over: *Matthew 28:18-20 (NLT) Jesus came and told his disciples, "I have been given all authority in heaven and on earth. Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit.*

Questions: Have you ever traveled outside of the US? If so, what were your observations about how people around the world live? What are some practical ways you can support those who are serving the world?

Action Steps

- ✓ **Take your next step toward investing in Go Time by committing to invest some ongoing time to your church family, community or world. Share your decision with the group and allow them to hold you accountable.**