



DISCIPLESHIP WITH THIS WEEK'S MESSAGE

Before You Begin

Open your time together in prayer, asking God to speak clearly through his Word and through one another. Encourage members to bring their Bibles and any notes from the sermon.

Key Passage

Titus 1:3-4 | Galatians 4:4-5 | Ecclesiastes 3:1-11 | Romans 8:18, 28

Background and Context

The apostle Paul opens his letter to Titus by noting that God revealed the gospel "at just the right time" in human history. The Roman world had a common language, open travel routes, and a widespread awareness of humanity's need for a Savior. God did not act randomly or hastily. He moved at the precise moment when the conditions were right. This same principle of divine timing runs through all of Scripture and into our own lives. The challenge for most of us is learning to trust that timing rather than getting ahead of it or failing to move when the moment arrives.

Key Takeaways

- God's timing is perfect, even when it does not match our own expectations or preferences.
- Most people tend toward one of two errors: moving too quickly out of impatience, or failing to move at all out of passivity.
- Waiting on God is not passive. It is an active, daily pursuit of his presence so that we can hear his voice clearly when he speaks.
- When God does speak and the time is right, obedient action is required. Hesitation can cause us to miss the moment God has prepared.
- Even in seasons of suffering or unanswered prayer, we can trust God's redemptive plan because our perspective is anchored in eternity, not just the present moment.
- Faith is not meant to be lived alone. We are called to share our faith and do life together with other believers.

Discussion Questions

Opening

1. Think of a time when something happened at what felt like the perfect moment, whether in everyday life or in your walk with God. What did that experience teach you about timing?
2. The pastor described two common tendencies: being too impatient or being too passive. Which of those do you most naturally lean toward? Can you think of a specific example from your own life?

Digging In

1. Read Ecclesiastes 3:1-11 together as a group. Verse 11 says that God has made everything beautiful in its own time. What does that phrase mean to you personally? Is it easy or difficult to believe in the middle of a hard season?
2. The pastor shared that he felt called to plant a church in his early twenties, moved forward before he was fully prepared, and went through years of difficulty as a result. Have you ever pursued something you genuinely believed God was calling you to, but the timing or the approach was off? What happened, and what did you learn?
3. Read Psalms 37:7 and Psalms 130:5-6. The pastor described "waiting in God" as an active posture, not a passive one. What does active waiting actually look like in your daily life? What habits or practices help you stay close enough to God to hear his voice?
4. The story of Esther in Esther 4:14 raises the question of whether God positioned her specifically for that moment in history. Do you believe God has positioned you, in this community, at this point in time, for a specific purpose? What might that purpose be?
5. Read Colossians 4:5-6. The pastor described a "volume knob principle" where obedience increases our sensitivity to God's voice and disobedience dims it. Do you agree with that idea? Have you experienced either side of it?
6. Read Romans 8:18 and 8:28. The pastor said that trusting God's plan is perhaps the hardest part of trusting his timing, especially when things are not improving and the suffering feels unrelenting. How do you hold onto faith in God's goodness when you cannot see his plan working?

Getting Personal

1. The pastor challenged the group by saying there is no reason any believer should go seven days without sharing their faith with someone. How does that challenge sit with you? What makes that feel natural, and what makes it feel difficult?
2. Paul had Titus, Timothy, Luke, and Mark. He did not follow Jesus alone. Who in your life are you doing faith with in a real and consistent way? If that kind of relationship does not exist for you right now, what is one step you could take this week to pursue it?

Practical Applications

Choose one or more of the following to put into practice before your group meets again.

Examine your season. Spend focused time in prayer this week asking God to clarify what season of life you are currently in and what obedience looks like in that season. Write down what you sense him saying.

Share your story. Identify one person in your life who does not know Jesus and make a point to share something about what God has done for you before your group meets again. It does not have to be a formal gospel presentation. It can be as simple and honest as telling them what the Lord has meant to you.

Start a Discovery Bible Study. If you have children or others in your household, consider starting a simple weekly time of reading Scripture together, asking what it says, what it means, and what you are going to do about it. Discipleship in the home is one of the most significant investments of your time you can make.

Lock arms with someone. Reach out to one believer this week, someone you trust, and be honest with them about where you are spiritually. Ask them to do the same with you. Commit to checking in with each other regularly.

Audit your obedience. Reflect honestly on whether there is something God has already spoken to you about that you have not yet acted on. Bring that to him in prayer and ask for the courage to take the next step.

Closing Prayer

Close your time by praying specifically for one another. Ask each member to share one area where they need to trust God's timing more fully. Pray over each person by name, asking God to give clarity, courage, and the grace to be obedient when the moment comes.