

Greentown Baptist Church: Redeeming the Time

"Wherefore be ye not unwise, but understanding what the will of the Lord is." (Ephesians 5:17)

KEY VERSE: Ephesians 5:14-17

Background: Over the first two Wednesday night services, Pastor Jay taught on the ministry of discipleship. Greentown Baptist Church is a "disciple-making church." In those first two messages, we saw that discipleship is not a "_____" but the "_____."

John 17:4 –

Matthew 18:11 –

Here we see the first part of Jesus' "mission statement:" the Son of man was come to _____ and _____ that which was lost. He did so by preaching the Gospel and fulfilling the Old Testament prophecies of the coming Messiah. (1 Cor. 15:3-5)

The second part of Jesus' "mission statement:"

John 6:38-39 –

John 17:8-9 –

This is the work of _____.

2 Timothy 2:2 –

Key thought: In order to perform the work according to the will of God the Father, Jesus needed a _____.

Hebrews 10:5-7 –

What we see here is that God the Father had prepared a body for God the Son to use in order to perform God the Father's will.

John 1:14 –

Jesus Christ in his first coming came in a physical, literal body. It was the body which God the Father had prepared for him. That body was the “body of Christ,” and that body was wholly intended for “work:” specifically, to seek and to save that which was lost and to make disciples.

Ephesians 5:17 –

Ephesians 1:18-23 –

Key Point: God’s definition of the word “church” is “_____.” This means that the church is not an _____, but an _____ – we are members of his body. Organizations choose their own leaders, they set their own priorities and values and guidelines. Organisms do not. Organisms operate off of the _____ with which they were created.

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Ephesians 5:14 – “_____thou that sleepest...”

Ephesians 5:15-16 – “Redeeming the time...”

Romans 13:11-12 –

We are living in a “_____” spiritually. And we are waiting for the Day – the _____.

John 1:4-5, 9 –

Malachi 4:2 –

Acts 1:9 –

1 Thessalonians 5:2 –

2 Peter 3:10 –

Romans 13:11-12 –

What does this mean for us?

Philippians 2:15-16 – we are to “_____”, holding forth the “_____”

Psalm 119:105 –

We may be working in a spiritual nighttime, but we are working with and shining his Light.

We are supposed to be _____.

Romans 13:11-12 - "the night is _____" ...are you working as if the " _____
_____?"

So what's your mission - your **5Ws**?

Who: _____ and every member thereof (1 Cor. 6:19-20)

What: Redeem the time... "understanding what the will of the Lord is" (Eph. 5:17)

- The will of the Lord for those who have never trusted on Jesus Christ (John 6:38-40; Romans 10:13)
 - o _____ on the only "name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved" (Acts 4:12)
- The will of the Lord for those who have trusted on Jesus Christ
 - o _____ and _____ that which was lost by preaching the Gospel (Matt. 18:11; Luke 19:10; Romans 1:16)
 - o Make disciples (2 Timothy 2:2)

Where: _____, _____, _____ and "unto the uttermost part of the earth."
(Acts 1:8)

When: _____.

Why: Because the Day is at hand - the _____

How to tell if you're redeeming the time:

- Check your _____ - people make time for the things that are important to them
- Check your _____ (texts, Google searches, etc)
- Check your _____
- Ask your _____

Remember - It is _____ too _____ to start doing what God has asked you to do. The _____ is at _____.