



Date & Sermon Series:

September 2/3, 2017; Time, Talent, Treasure

Speaker: Mark Batterson

Scripture Focus: Ephesians 5:15-16

Note to Leaders:

This weekend we talked about what it means to fully utilize the gifts God has given each one of us. These questions provide a framework to prompt or foster discussion. Don't feel you have to use all or any of these questions and you don't have to make it to the end! Use the questions that best fit your group and let discussion flow. You can also use these questions on your own to dive deeper into this week's sermon.

Sermon Series Questions:

1. What did God reveal to you?
2. What are you going to do about it?
3. What is one element of God's character you learned?

Specific Questions:

1. In what areas of your life is it hard to trust God's timing?
2. When has there been a time where your good deed has gone unnoticed or rewarded at a later time? How did that make you feel in the moment? How does it make you feel looking back on it now?
3. What are you asking to come powdered, quick, easy, or overnight? Why can this be more harmful than good?

4. Where do you think God is redeeming your time? How can you work at redeeming your time and capturing the moments in life?

5. Pastor Mark says, "The goal isn't the goal. The process is the goal." If you are in a season of waiting, what are you learning in the process?

6. Pastor Mark says, "You can't break the law of sowing and reaping. It'll make or break you. If you sow the right seeds, you're going to reap a harvest." What seeds are you sowing?

Diving Deeper:

Reread Ephesians 5:15-16

Pastor Mark talks about four things this week for us to remember about redeeming the time. Which one is easier for you than the others? Which one do you need to work on the most?

- 1- Trust God's timing.
- 2- Don't get so focused on getting out of tough situations that you fail to get anything out of them.
- 3- Don't put a period where God puts a comma. Don't put a comma where God puts a period.
- 4- Don't try to manufacture the miracle.