



Sermon Discussion Guide

November 3rd, 2024

Use this discussion guide with your small group or by yourself, to dig into the text and theme of Sunday's message.

Key Point: Time is a gift from God that we are invited to use for His glory.

Life Sharing: (answer one)

1. What does it take for you to have a great day? What are 1 or 2 things that need to happen?
2. Tell us about your best day last month. What made it the best?

Transition / Open in prayer

3. What is the biggest "time-stealer" in your life?

Life Examination:

READ *John 7:1-13*

4. What did Jesus family, the crowd and the religious leaders think about Jesus?
5. What is the Festival of Tabernacles about and how did the people celebrate it?
6. What was the "time" Jesus referenced in these verses?
7. Why do you think Jesus went up to Jerusalem after saying he wasn't going to go?

READ *Isaiah 58:1-10*

8. Why is the faith expression of the people of God problematic?
9. What kind of fasting honors God?
10. How does God want the people to use their time?

Life Application:

11. How would you feel and what would you do if you found out that someone hated you?
12. What are some reasons that people hesitate to talk about spiritual things in our current culture? What can you do to create spiritual conversations even with those challenges?
13. Have you ever fasted and prayed in a more desperate way? What happened?
14. Isaiah 58:6 talks about chains and yokes. What are the chains and yokes in operation today that keep people from freedom?

Life Prayers: Pray for one another and ask God to help each person use their time in a way that honors Him.