

# PREACHING CURRICULUM

## Stewarding our Time

### Ephesians 5:15-17

“So teach us to number our days that we may get a heart of wisdom.” – Psalm 90:12

## 1 REVIEW THE SERMON

LEADER NOTES: Encourage your members to pull out their notes and review the main points of the sermon. (9-12 mins)

As a lead-in to the discussion, read **Ephesians 2:1-10**. According to this text, who is responsible for our salvation? Why is it important for us to keep this in mind as we begin to discuss the stewardship of our time?

Read **1 Corinthians 6:19-20**. To whom does our time ultimately belong?

Read **Ephesians 5:15-17**. In this passage, why does Paul want us make the best use of the time?

## 2 ASSESS YOUR LIFE

LEADER NOTES: Evaluate the condition of your lives in relation to the truth from God's Word. Encourage heart examination. (12-15 mins)

How do you define “time well spent”? What do you consider to be a waste of time?

In general, how well do you spend your time?

In what ways are you most likely to waste your time?

## 3 APPLY THE TRUTH

LEADER NOTES: Create a list of ways to close the gap between your lives and the truth of the Bible. Be practical and intentional. (12-15 mins)

How does God want us to use our time? What priorities should we be focused on?

On a practical level, how can you make the best use of your time by focusing on God's priorities? What would your life look like if you consistently put this into practice?

Is there anything in your schedule that needs to change? Are there activities and interests in your life which are nothing but a waste of time? Are there things which you are not currently doing but you know that you should be?

## 4 COMMIT THIS WEEK

LEADER NOTES: Call your small group members to make a commitment and get the group working together to follow-up with each other. (9-12)

Have you identified any changes you need to make in order to be a better steward of your time? If so, how can the others in your group support you as you seek to make those changes?