

WEEK ONE **TIME** Father's Day June 14|15, 2014 Pastor Harry Kuehl

STUDY QUESTIONS

1. How did you spend the minutes you were given yesterday? Make a list of the previous day's highlights.

How many of those minutes would you say will impact your future or someone else's?

2. Name ten things that you are grateful for that you woke up with his morning.

3. What were the three things Pastor Harry said we need to be reminded of regarding time so that we can make the most of what we've been given in the time allotted to us?

- 1. L_____
- 2. C_____
- 3. S_____

4. What does it mean to you that time is considered sacred to God? What does the word 'sacred' mean?

5. Pastor Harry said that remembering how blessed we are will keep us from the shame of regret. What did he mean by that?

6. In Ephesians 5:15-16, Paul gave three instructions for how to live with regard to time. What are they?

What is our motivation for heeding his words? (verse 16).

What difference does recognizing our opposition make?

7. With all our technological advances, time cannot be stopped, stretched or manufactured. What might this tell us about why we are here on the planet?

What does Ecclesiastes 3:11 say about what kind of existence we were made for?

8. Two words are translated in the New Testament for the word "time." Kronos (we get the word chronology from this one) refers to time as it is measured in quantity (see 1 Peter 1:17). Kairos refers to time as measured in seasons and opportunities. (Romans 13:11). Do you feel like your living your life in kronos time or kairos time?

When was the last time you lavished time (kronos or kairos time) on someone other than yourself?

9. In her book "One Thousand Gifts," Ann Voskamp wrote: "A life contemplating the blessings of Christ becomes a life acting the love of Christ." What did she mean by that? What does the word 'contemplate' mean to you? How does fully realizing your blessings from God fully transform your outward life?

Personal Meditation: This week, spend the first five minutes before you get out of bed thanking God for five blessings you enjoy, then consider how you enjoy those things to the glory of God. If it seems like you enjoy those five things only to the glory of yourself, make it a priority to turn around at least one a day to God's glory. Start by showing your gratefulness in how you live your day.

Memorize Psalm 103:2 - "Let all that I am praise the LORD; may I never forget the good things He does for me." (NLT)