SEPTEMBER 21, 2025

# YOURBESTYES

MAKING THE MOST OF YOUR TIME, TALENT AND TREASURE



**SERMON:** Making the Most of Your Time
(WATCH SERMON) (SERMON NOTES)
**SPEAKER:** Pastor Steve
**CORE SCRIPTURE:** Ephesians 5:15-17

## SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE

### SUMMARY

How we use our time reveals how we live our lives. In this first message of the Your Best Yes series, we're challenged to give God our "best yes" by stewarding time as a gift rather than a commodity. In Jesus we can make an eternal impact when we remember that life is short, get clear on our God-given purpose, identify our "time bandits", and live in the present moment alert and responsive to the presence of Jesus. Only what's done for Christ will last—so let's say our best yes to Him today.

### SHARE

As an icebreaker, share a moment from the past week where you felt you used your time wisely or unwisely. What did you learn from that experience?

### READ

Let's read **Ephesians 5:15-17** together as a group.

### DISCUSS

Feel free to pick/choose what is most helpful for you. Remember the goal is to have rich, relational, authentic, Jesus-centered discussions.

1. What most stood out to you about the sermon?

2. Reflecting on Ephesians 5:15-17, what does it mean to "make the most of every opportunity"? How can this be applied in our daily lives and community life?

3. Pastor Steve mentioned that "time is life." How does this perspective change the way you view your daily schedule and commitments?

4. Consider the concept of "Kairos" moments mentioned in the sermon. What does recognizing these moments impact your spiritual growth and decision-making?

5. The sermon discussed “time bandits” that distract us from our priorities. What are some of your personal time bandits, and how can you manage them better?

6. How does understanding the brevity of life, as discussed in Psalm 90:11-12, influence your priorities and decisions?

7. Pastor Steve shared an illustration about Jesus not being in a hurry. How can we model our lives after Jesus in this regard, especially in a fast-paced world?

**NEXT STEPS:**
Reflect on one area of your life where you can say “yes” to God’s priorities this week. Consider using the “Practicing the Presence of Jesus Worksheet” to help you stay aware of His presence in your daily moments.

**PRAY:**
Spend time in prayer as a group, asking God for wisdom to use your time wisely and to be open to His guidance in recognizing and seizing “Kairos” moments. Pray for each other to overcome personal time bandits and to live purposefully for God’s kingdom.

**CLOSING:**
Thank everyone for their participation and encourage them to continue reflecting on how they can make the most of their time for God’s glory.