

Growth Group Questions

Stewardship of Time #4 ~ October 20, 2024

Introduction

This is the last week of our series on stewardship of time. What did each week's focus add to how we use our time for God?

- 1) Time to PRIORITIZE (1st Commandment)
- 2) Time for PERSPECTIVE (God controls our lifetime)
- 3) Time to PLAN (All things are part of God's plan)
- 4) Time to PAUSE (God plans time for us to rest)

Into the Word – Amos 8:4-12

1. Why did the Israelites want the worship celebrations to end (first half of verse 5) and what made that even worse (second half of verse 5)?
2. In verse seven God says he will never forget anything the people have done in sin. Contrast this statement of law that we deserve with the statement of gospel forgiveness in Jeremiah 31:33-34. How is Jesus the key to how God can both "remember" and "forget" our sins?
3. In verse 11, what judgment does God say he will bring against Israel because of their rejection?
4. History shows times God has removed faithful preachers from nations, areas, and churches because the people turned away. Discuss.

Into the Word – Hebrews 4:1-13

5. According to verse two, why was the message of the gospel of no value to most of Old Testament Israel?
6. What does the author mean in verses 6-7 when he talks about some who didn't enter God's rest and the new day God sets called "Today"?
7. Why is it proper to say in verse 10 that anyone who "enters God's rest" also "rests from their work"?
8. How does God's living and active Word bring us God's rest?

Into the Word – Luke 13:10-17

9. Agree or Disagree. If we take off of work on Sundays we are remembering God's Sabbath. (To help the discussion, what is at the heart of God's command for a day of Sabbath?)
10. Why did Jesus not wait to heal the woman on a different day? What does that show about the relationship between Old Testament legal requirements and God's unchanging moral law?
11. In what way does reading, studying, and praying on God's Word set us free from the things that bind us?

Closing Prayer

Lord, thank you for the reminder to turn from the things of this world to focus our time on you. Bless me to hear your call and be free. Amen.