



GROUPS AT CROSS POINT

BREAKING THE ICE

What does your morning routine consist of?

What do you spend the most time doing during the week?



MAIN CONTENT

Last week, Pastor Drew talked about thankfulness and gratitude and that in the midst of our problems, there is potential for missing Jesus.

1. Were you able to thank God for who He is in your life in the past week?
2. How did you spend this last week being grateful for who God is and what He has done for you?

Over the next few weeks, we will be in a series called, Gifted. For the month of December, we will be talking about the gifts we have. This week we talked about the gift of time.

Franklin Campus Pastor, Kevin Robison said, "You're either spending time or wasting time." Time is a gift; it's the most valuable resource and we all have the same amount of it.

3. When you think of "wasting time," what activities are you participating in that you can see are wasting your time? What things can you do in place of those time wasters that would be considered a better use of time?

Our scripture reference this week was from Matthew. Read Matthew 1:19-21.



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This scripture is about the story of Joseph, Jesus' earthly father. Joseph was chosen to be Jesus' father and Joseph chose to invest time into Jesus. From what we can tell, Joseph died before Jesus finished the last three years of His life (where He performed miracles and changed the course of history for mankind). Joseph spent all that time investing in the life of Jesus but never got to see the outcome of his investment.

4. Have you ever invested a lot of time into something and did not get to see the results of your labor?

Even if he didn't get to see it, the time Joseph spent investing in Jesus' life was well invested. He helped shape, protect and love Jesus.

When we invest time into others, it goes further than we think or imagine; it has an invaluable return. When we invest our time into eternity, Jesus multiplies the impact.

Sometimes we believe lies about our time. These lies include the idea that we have plenty of time, or that our time has passed or that we're just too busy. Those lies keep us from using time wisely.

5. Which one of these lies have you believed about your time: "I have plenty of time," "My time has passed," or "I'm too busy?"

6. Which one of those lies have you overcome in your life? What did it take to win over the lies?

As we learned in the last series, God gives us influence. We should use the time we have wisely because we never know how much time we will have.

7. If you knew your time on Earth was about to run out, what would you do?

We're never too old to make a difference with our time. God has given us time, that He multiplies when we give it to Him to use it eternally. Our time is limited, we need to make the most of it.



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PRAYER

God, thank you for the gift of time. Please show us where we are wasting our time and where we are investing our time wisely. Give us a fresh perspective on where we need to invest our time wisely in the light of eternity. In Jesus' name, Amen.

ACTION STEP

This week take time to pray and ask yourself the following questions,

- In light of eternity, am I investing my time or wasting my time?
- God, where can I be "for the one" in my life?