

'TIS THE SEASON

'Tis The Season - December 13, 2015 - It Is The Time

Introduction

'Tis The Season for shopping... 'Tis The Season to celebrate... 'Tis The Season for family and friends...The Christmas Season has a way of challenging our schedules, our relationships, our money, and so much more. When you stop to think about it, the Christmas Holidays can challenge us in all the areas of our lives that matter the most. Imagine what could happen if we embraced those challenges this year and looked for the opportunities to bring a positive change in them! This week we will discuss the subject of time. Time was important in the Christmas story and is still the most important resource we have been given today. In every moment of time we are gifted, there lies an opportunity to partner with the One who gifts us with time; so that we can experience His power and presence bring new life.

Discussion Questions

1. What are some of your most favorite things about the Christmas Season? Explain why you enjoy these things so much.
2. When you think about the Holiday Season, do you think of a busier schedule or a more relaxed schedule? If your answer is a busier schedule, what are some ways you could make it a more relaxed one? What keeps you from making it more relaxed?
3. Read [Ecclesiastes 3:1-14](#). How many different seasons of life does Solomon mention? In [verse 11](#) what does he tell us about God's timing? Based on this discovery, do you believe that time is important to God? Why do you believe this?
4. In the Christmas story found in [Luke 2](#), see how many seasons of life mentioned by Solomon in Ecclesiastes you find. Based on your discovery, how important do you feel timing was in the Christmas story?
5. In the message Jon said: "This Christmas season, time will be your most precious gift." Do you find this statement to be true to you? Why or why not?
6. Read [Hebrews 9:27-28](#). What appointment do we all have in common? Do you feel this makes your time more valuable? Why or why not?

Moving Forward

If we are gifted with time throughout this Christmas Season, what would it look like if we decided to partner with the One who is gifting us this time and lived this year's holidays in the power of the now?

- Can you imagine if the ones you cared about most received your undivided attention over the holidays? If instead of all the normal running around and planning for events, you just offered them some real time?
- What would it look like if when your loved ones opened up a Christmas gift from you, they found something that said that you are going to give them the most precious gift you have to offer them...your time... and you promised 12 times (once a month in 2016) to dedicate some of your time just to them?
- Can you imagine what marriages would look like in one year from now?
- Can you imagine what could happen parents and grandparents with our next generation, if they understood by our actions how much they truly mean to us and that we were offering them our most precious gift?
- What about those of us serving at Crosspointe each week? The fact that you are giving your time becomes the loudest voice of love to other church members.

The question we must ask ourselves is simple: What will I do with the gift of time I am given this Christmas?

For all of us, there is a moment in time happening right now... We can either walk away today and not answer this question...forget it and do the holidays like normal... or we can partner with God in the now moment He is gifting to us and see Him guide us this holiday through new and renewed life in the areas of our lives that truly matter the most.

Changing Your Mind - Commit this to memory

And while they were there, the time came for her to give birth.--[Luke 2:6](#) (ESV)