

## 4. Weird Time I Study Guide

Talking through the message during the week helps you turn what God is saying to you into action steps. These talking points, questions, and scriptures are designed to help you take the next step.

- Would you say you are good at managing your time?
- What one thing do you wish you had more time to do?

**Read 2 Peter 1:3, Luke 10:38-42, Romans 12:2.** These passages show us that God has given us everything we need to accomplish all that He wants us to do, that often we have to make deliberate choices to focus on what matters most, rather than what seems most urgent and that as Christians we should expect a renewing of our mind.

- Do you believe that to be true for time, as well as more tangible, physical things?
- Do you believe there is a difference between urgency and importance?
- How may you compromise for what's good, rather than aim for what's best when it comes to time?

**Read Ephesians 5:15-17 and James 4:14.** These passages remind us that there is no time like the present, that wherever we are, to be all there.

- Are you present and accounted for, or do you often find yourself distracted?
- Can you imagine your life where you have time for the important and not just the urgent?
- Tim shared some questions he asks when presented with an opportunity besides the obvious, 'am I available?'. Imagine a list of the most important things to you right now. What question would you ask in order to make wise choices with your time?

**Read Matthew 11:28-30, Exodus 20:9, Leviticus 25:2-4.** These passages show us the significance of rest and sabbath.

- Are you addicted to busyness?
- "Knowing when and how to rest is knowing when and how to acknowledge your dependence on God." What do you think about this statement?
- Do you need time with God to recharge, to be fully alive? What one good, but not best thing could you lay down, in order to do this?

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### Next Steps

Here are some specific things you can do this week that will help you be weird in a God way:

Pick up a copy of Craig Groeschel's book entitled *Weird*. This book has inspired this sermon series. In this book, you will learn how to stop your normal way of thinking and living in the practical areas of money, time, sex, relationships and your values and start thinking weird in a God way.

Take time to write a list of what is most important in your life right now and some questions you can consider instead of, 'am I available?' when presented with decision to make regarding your time.

### Talk It Over with God:

- Confess those areas of life where you are trading in the 'best for good'.
- Ask God to help free you from busyness.
- Confess to God the times when you have not been fully present and if needed apologise to others also.
- Ask God to help His Spirit lead you to rest and make better choices regarding time.
- Ask God for that deep rest.