



Unlimited - Part 4 Sermon Discussion Notes

Opening Thought

What time is it? We seemed to be always asking the question - what time is it. We are people that are keenly aware of time. We have calendars, wristwatches, clocks on our cell phones and clocks hanging on the wall. Karen and I have a grandfather clock that gongs every half hour to mark the passing of time. Why are we so tuned into the passing of time? And why does time seem to literally fly as you get older?

Key Scripture

Psalm 90:12

12 Teach us to number our days aright, that we may gain a heart of wisdom. NIV

Discussion Questions

1. Discuss the primary difference between God and us in regard to time - God being eternal and us being finite creatures that have a beginning point. Review and examine the scriptures listed below about God's eternalness.

Revelation 1:8

8 "I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, "who is , and who was, and who is to come, the Almighty." NIV

1 Timothy 1:17

17 Now to the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen. NIV

2. Discuss the fact that time is not retrievable - once time is gone it can never be regained.
3. Inside of time is buried opportunity. When time is given to humans as a gift from God it is really an open door for us to do something significant for him. Discuss the passages below regarding the power of opportunity. What opportunities have you been given at this stage in your life?

Ephesians 5:15-17

15 Be very careful, then, how you live — not as unwise but as wise, 16 making the most of every opportunity , because the days are evil. 17 Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the Lord's will is. NIV

Colossians 4:5

5 Be wise in the way you act toward outsiders; make the most of every opportunity. NIV

4. At the end of your life what do you think you will wish you had spent more time doing? What does God care about most in this world? Discuss the passages below including the parable of the Good Samaritan found in **Luke 10:25-36**.

Exodus 3:7-10

7 The LORD said, "I have indeed seen the misery of my people in Egypt. I have heard them crying out because of their slave drivers, and I am concerned about their suffering. 8 So I have come down to rescue them from the hand of the Egyptians and to bring them up out of that land into a good and spacious land, a land flowing with milk and honey — the home of the Canaanites, Hittites, Amorites, Perizzites, Hivites and Jebusites. 9 And now the cry of the Israelites has reached me, and I have seen the way the Egyptians are oppressing them. 10 So now, go. I am sending you to Pharaoh to bring my people the Israelites out of Egypt." NIV

5. Each person will have to give an account of how they used their time and opportunities on this earth. Discuss the Parable of the Talents in **Matthew 25: 14-30**.
6. One of the primary things that we need to secure during our short tenure on earth is salvation. Discuss the urgency of our relationship with the Lord being secured in our short time here.

2 Corinthians 6:2

2 For he says, "In the time of my favor I heard you, and in the day of salvation I helped you." I tell you, now is the time of God's favor, now is the day of salvation. NIV

Jeremiah 8:20

20 "The harvest is past, the summer has ended, and we are not saved." NIV

Revelation 22:10-13

10 Then he told me, "Do not seal up the words of the prophecy of this book, because the time is near. 11 Let him who does wrong continue to do wrong; let him who is vile continue to be vile; let him who does right continue to do right; and let him who is holy continue to be holy."

7. When you look back over the years of your life up to this point what do you consider as the most important things you have accomplished thus far? What is it that makes those things the most meaningful to you?

Concluding Thought

If you were told you had one week left to live what would you do during that week?