

I. It's About Time

1. Time: Spend It Wisely
2. Time is a Gift and Responsibility
3. Time Creates Organic Imitation

II. Time: Yields Amazing Results

1. Simon Peter *Before*
 - A. A Fisherman – Not an academic
 - B. Impulsive and vacillating – Very rarely thought before speaking
 - C. Self Seeking – Greatest in the Kingdom?
 - D. Cowardly – Self preservation
2. Simon Peter *After*
 - A. Humble (Acts 3:11-12)
 - B. Brilliant and Careful Exposition
 - C. Courageous and Focused! (Acts 4:5-13)
3. The Enemies Know the Difference (4:13)

III. Time: Works As Advertised

1. Sukkot (the festival of booths) Lev 23:40
2. There were 2 major events of Sukkot
 - A. A Light Ceremony (John 8:12)
 - B. The Ritual Call for Living Water
3. Jesus causes a scene (John 7:37-44)
4. Jesus states a truth about Us (John 7:37-38)

Spending Time with Jesus - Discussion Questions

1. How would you answer the question “*What is time?*” Why is it difficult for us to think outside of the parameters of time and sequence?
2. Name some moments that changed your life (moments forever impressed upon your memory). How did they change you? (In what way?)
3. It's not easy to see routine moments as having similar shaping impact, even though they do. In what ways do routine and ordinary moments (daily patterns/devotions) shape you?
4. Looking back on your life, describe the “*before and after*” pictures of who you are and have been. Do you think your current spiritual image is more “*before*” or “*after*”? Why?
5. We've said that the transformative power of Jesus is more than natural time spent in study, it's supernatural interaction with the God of this universe... an eternal engagement locked into a moment of time. Are you approaching your daily devotion to with Christ like that? If not, how might you make that understanding part of your routine this year?
6. Seeing how Jesus was so disruptive in the Sukkot ceremony, are you willing to pray that he would similarly disrupt your sacred routine? (injecting jarring truths in the midst of your “normal”) If so, pray that now.
7. The point of Jesus' interruption is to announce that coming to him (engagement with him) fundamentally alters who we are, that God pours out life (living water) through those who spend time with Him. Spend a few moments asking God to help you come to Christ all of this year, and that by doing so you may become that fountain of life Jesus said you would be.

Memory verse for Jan 2021

Matthew 11:28-30 (New American Standard Bible)

28 “Come to Me, all who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. **29** Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and YOU WILL

FIND REST FOR YOUR SOULS. ³⁰ For My yoke is comfortable, and My burden is light.”

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