



# HIGHLANDS FELLOWSHIP

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## Main Point

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In the time I'm given, how will I live?

## Opening Doors

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As your group time begins, use this section to introduce the topic of discussion.

**What time of day are you typically most productive? Most unproductive? Why?**

**What would be some things that need to happen this week for you to make the very most of your time?**

**If your life were to end today, would you say that you have made the most of the time you were given? Why or why not?**

As we learned in this week's sermon message, the psalmist in Psalm 39:4 asked God to help him remember that time is valuable. He wrote, "O LORD, make me know my end and what is the measure of my days; let me know how fleeting I am!" Let's see what God's Word teaches us about how we should live in the time we are given.

## Digging In

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Discuss the biblical text to discover what the Scripture says or means about a particular topic.

**ASK SOMEONE TO READ PSALM 90:11-17.**

**What was Moses' request of God for the Israelites in verse 12? To what end?**

**What was Moses' hope and expectation of God in verses 14-17?**

**Why did Moses turn to God in prayer for these things, instead of leading the Hebrews in a time-management class?**

**ASK SOMEONE TO READ 2 CORINTHIANS 5:17-21.**

**Why is it significant that you are (present tense) a new creation? In what sense are you a new creation?**

**How does it change your perspective of the time you are given to know that you already are a new creation in Christ instead of trying to become a new creation?**

## **How do verses 19-21 inform you about how God wants you to use the time you are given?**

As we grow to understand our identity in Christ, we will embrace the great task with which God has blessed us in Christ, to be his “ambassadors” of Christ’s message of reconciliation. In Paul’s day, ambassadors were specially appointed by kings to represent the king to foreign nations. An ambassador was tasked with honoring the king with his words and actions and promoting the king’s interests in all he does. Similarly, Christians are ambassadors of God who are called to promote the gospel in all we say and do. For many of us, the primary place God calls us to exercise our role as ambassadors is in the work place.

**What keeps us from seeing ourselves as ambassadors in our workplaces and homes? What are some practical measures we might take to more readily acknowledge our identity as Christ’s ambassadors?**

**ASK SOMEONE TO READ PSALM 68:4-6; 2 TIMOTHY 2:2; 1 PETER 2:20-21**

**What do these verses teach it looks like to spend your time focusing on eternal things?**

**In this week's sermon message, Psalm 68:4-6 was described as call to love the overlooked. How does God's love for the overlooked in the world impact the way you see and respond to people?**

**2 Timothy 2:2 exhorts us to invest in leaders around you. Who is someone who has invested his or her time in discipling you? What has that meant to you?**

**Peter lets us know we can help make the most of the time we are given when we value doing the right thing (1 Peter 2:20-21). What is a situation where you currently struggle to endure in doing what is good and right? How does 1 Peter 2:20-21 speak to you about that?**

## **Taking It Home**

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Identify how the truths from the Scripture passage apply directly to your life.

**Consider the following four points from this week's message:**

- Love the overlooked.
- Invest in leaders around you.
- Value doing the right thing.
- Eternity!

**Which of those four exhortations stand out to you the most, personally? Why?**

**What are some things that hold you back from using the time you are given in ways that honor the Lord?**

**Practically, what are some steps you can take to live wisely with the time you are given this week?**

**How will you be intentional to reachout to someone who may be overlooked by others?**

**Sometimes, doing the right thing is easy, while at other times it may not be. How might your circle of friends help you have the strength to do what's right, when "what's right" isn't easy?**