INTRODUCTION

Our lives can become so inwardly focused and crowded that there is no space for the mission of Christ. It’s easy for us to get bogged down in temporary pursuits that push aside our eternal calling. Generosity is “Using God’s Gifts to Adorn God’s Gospel.” And one of the most precious gifts God has given us is our time. We have been redeemed to be generous with our calendar.

Big Idea: Each moment of our lives is entrusted to us to freely give away for the mission of Christ.

Two Biblical principles about time:

1. Time is fleeting (Psalm 39:4-6; James 4:13-17)
2. Time must be redeemed (Ephesians 5:15-16)

Ask Yourself:

What priorities are currently seen in your calendar?

What key priorities SHOULD govern your life trajectory?
How do you put those into practice?
MONDAY | 2 CORINTHIANS 5:14-15; JOHN 15:9-11

What does it mean to have the love of Christ compel us? What about Christ’s love should compel us? What does Jesus say about abiding in His love? In what way does keeping Jesus’ commandments prove our love for Him? How do you allow your love for Jesus and Jesus’ love for you compel you to be generous with your time? What are some current items on your “priority list” that hinder you from being generous with your time? How could you remedy this?

TUESDAY | 2 CORINTHIANS 5:14-15; ROMANS 6:5-14

What are some clear Biblical priorities that every Christ-follower should hold to? Take some time to write a list. As you assess how you use your time, how much of your schedule is planned around focusing on those priorities? Since Christ has died for us and we now live for Him, how should that inform how we use our time? How should that inform the types of things we say “yes” to? What are some Biblical priorities you could say “yes” to that have been neglected?

WEDNESDAY | 2 CORINTHIANS 5:14-15; EPHESIANS 5:15-16

How much of your time is spent on self-focused activity? How would the Bible tell us to use our time? What is the reason Paul tells the believers in Ephesus to redeem the time? How do you fall into the temptation to wear “busyness” as a badge of honor? How can being busy actually be a poor use of your time as it relates to being Kingdom focused?

THURSDAY | 2 CORINTHIANS 5:14-15

After unpacking the phrase “missional generosity” for the last few weeks, how do you think differently about the way you reach people with generosity? What is one area in your life that you could commit to being more missionally generous? Not just giving to people but giving to people with the goal of exalting Christ.

FRIDAY | PRAY

Reflect on some of the questions from this week. Ask the Lord to help you grow in any areas where you might be struggling. Pray for how you could use your calendar and schedule to lead a more others-focused life. Pray about how you could even use your family calendar to be more others-focused. Share what you have been learning in this series with someone. Ask the Lord to use that conversation to spur that person on to be more generous with their time.

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