

SEE THE WORLD

PART 5: Time

INTRODUCTION

We tend to view our time the same way we view our money. We can spend it, invest it, or waste it. But the truth is, our time is more precious than our money. At the end of our lives, many of us will spend a lot of money trying to buy more time. If someone offered to buy time from you, you probably wouldn't sell. It's too valuable. The question is: *how does God view time?* If we saw it as he sees it, it might affect the way we use our own.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Talk about one of the happiest times in your life. What was your schedule like during that period?
2. Think about how you managed your time last year. What would you like to do differently this year?
3. *"God created us on purpose for his purpose."* Is it difficult for you to believe that God created you for a purpose? Why or why not?
4. Read Psalm 90:10-12. In what ways are you tempted to think of your days as endless? Why is it difficult for us to number our days?
5. What is one thing you need to remove from your schedule? What are some ways you could better use that time?
6. What is one way you can shift your priorities this week to take advantage of an opportunity to participate with God in the world? How can this group support you?

MOVING FORWARD

The question isn't, *what am I here for?* The question is, *who am I here for?* As long as the answer is you, life will be fleeting and full of trouble and sorrow. But embrace the notion that you were made on purpose for God's purpose and it will change everything. God sees your time as your opportunity to participate with him in the world. There's no more meaningful or fulfilling way to pass your time.

CHANGING YOUR MIND

*Our days may come to seventy years,
or eighty, if our strength endures;
yet the best of them are but trouble and sorrow,
for they quickly pass, and we fly away.*

Psalm 90:10