



Sermon Discussion Guide for Groups

“Reddeming the time”

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Summary

Have someone in your group read the following summary aloud.

Pastor John delivered a powerful message on redeeming the time in evil days, drawing from Ephesians 5:14-20. He emphasized that while the days are evil, Christians are called to live wisely and participate in God's restoration of the world. The sermon focused on three practical ways to redeem the time: through our time (developing holy habits and using our stories for God's glory), through our worship (being filled with the Spirit and expressing it through psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs), and through our gratitude (giving thanks in all circumstances, even suffering, because it produces perseverance, character, and hope). Pastor John shared personal

testimonies and historical examples of people who redeemed difficult circumstances through faith, ultimately pointing to the hope we have in Christ's resurrection.

Key Passages

- Ephesians 5:15-16
- Ephesians 5:18-20
- Romans 5:3-4
- Psalm 40:2-3
- 1 Thessalonians 5:18

Opening Prayer

Open your session in prayer, using the words below or your own

Heavenly Father, we come before You today with open hearts, ready to receive what You have for us in this time together. We acknowledge that the days can feel overwhelming and evil seems to surround us, but we know that You are greater. Holy Spirit, fill us with Your presence and help us to be receptive to Your voice. Open our minds to understand Your Word and our hearts to apply it to our lives. Help us to see how we can redeem the time You've given us for Your glory. We ask that You would speak to each

person here according to their specific needs and circumstances. In Jesus' name, **amen**.

Getting Going

Allow time for each member to answer the following questions before moving on.

What's one simple habit or routine that you've developed that has made a positive difference in your day-to-day life?

Discussion Questions

Answer as many of the following questions as time and interest permit.

1. Pastor John mentioned that 'people do not drift toward holiness.' What are some areas in your life where you've noticed yourself 'drifting' away from godly habits or attitudes?
2. How can we practically 'redeem the time' with our daily schedules and priorities, especially when life feels overwhelming?
3. What does it mean to you personally to 'be filled with the Spirit' rather than seeking fulfillment in other things?
4. How can we use our personal stories of God's faithfulness to encourage others and 'redeem the time'?

5. What practical steps can we take as a group to help each other live more intentionally and wisely in these 'evil days'?

Making It Personal

Take the opportunity noted below to apply this week's sermon to your everyday life

This week, choose one specific way to 'redeem the time': either develop a new holy habit (like daily scripture reading or prayer), intentionally worship through music in your daily routine, or practice gratitude by thanking God for something difficult you're currently facing. Share your choice with someone who can encourage and pray for you in this commitment.

Key Takeaways

Commit to memory one point from the message before you dismiss.

- The days are evil, but we can redeem the time by living wisely and participating in God's restoration work
- We redeem time through our habits - developing holy practices while removing destructive ones that no longer bear fruit
- Worship and music are powerful forces that not only fill us with the Spirit but impact others around us for God's kingdom

- Gratitude in suffering produces perseverance, character, and hope, making us more like Jesus
- Our personal stories of God's faithfulness can be used to help heal and encourage others

Closing Prayer

Have someone from your group close you time in prayer, using the words below or your own.

Lord Jesus, thank You for this time of fellowship and learning together. We are grateful for Your Word that challenges us to live differently in these difficult days. Help us to be intentional about redeeming the time You've given us - through our daily habits, our worship, and our gratitude. Give us courage to use our stories for Your glory and to be filled with Your Spirit rather than seeking fulfillment in temporary things. When we face trials and suffering, remind us that You are making us more like You and that our hope is secure in Your resurrection. Help us to encourage one another in these commitments and to be lights in the darkness around us. We trust that You will complete the good work You've started in each of us. **Amen.**