Small Group Questions (11/15/26)

What the Bible Says About Stewardship – Part 5: "How Do We Manage the Time God Gives Us?"

Romans 13:8-14

1. The sermon reminds us that everyone receives the same 86,400 seconds each day, but we don't all use them the same way. What are some things that tend to consume our time without providing lasting value?

2. Read Psalm 90:10, 12. What does it mean to "number our days"?

Follow-up: How might recognizing that our time on earth is limited change the way we approach our relationships and responsibilities?

3. Romans 13:11 challenges Christians to "wake up from sleep" because our salvation is nearer than when we first believed. What are some warning signs that we may be going through the motions rather than actively living for Christ?

4. Jesus had the most important mission in history, yet He never seemed to be in a hurry. How can we distinguish between being busy doing "good" things and actually making time for the things that matter most?

5. There is no substitute for investing meaningful quantities of time with our families. How can we be more intentional about investing time with our physical family and our spiritual brothers and sisters in Christ?

6. Read Ephesians 5:15-16. What does it mean to "make the most of your time"?

Follow-up: How can we know when our lives are becoming too busy?

7. We were warned, "If you don't manage your time, someone else will manage it for you." What are some outside demands, activities, expectations, or distractions that tend to take control of our schedules?

Follow-up: How can we establish healthier boundaries while still being available to serve others?

8. The sermon discussed the importance of having "margin" in our schedules. Why is having breathing room in life important, not only for our families but also for our spiritual growth and service to God?

PERSONAL APPLICATION –
Making Every Second Count

9. We were asked, "How am I going to spend the 86,400 seconds God gives me each day?" If you were to make one specific change this week to become a better steward of your time, what would it be?

Closing Challenge – Take a few moments to reflect on these four principles from the sermon:

TREASURE: Am I recognizing just how valuable and limited my time is?

INVEST: Am I investing my time in things that have eternal value?

MANAGE: Am I intentionally managing my schedule around my God-given priorities?

ENJOY: Am I making time for the people and relationships God has blessed me with?

Final thought: We cannot change how much time we are given, recover the time we've wasted, or borrow from tomorrow. But we can choose how we use the time God gives us today. The question isn't **whether** we will spend our time. The question is **how** we will spend it; for ourselves or for Christ.