

Kingdom Come: Distraction

A study for Community Groups to use the week of January 11th

To prepare for your group discussion each week, group members should use the **Series Guide** to complete foundational questions in the book for week 5 using the scripture below.

Week Two: Ephesians 5:15-17

Overview

When Jesus talked about the kingdom of God, he described it as a place where God's goodness and grace are reigning in one's heart. In Matthew 13, he referenced four obstacles to that reality, one of which is distraction. In our busy and full lives distraction is a common challenge, yet Jesus appears on the scene as busy as anyone else, yet living a distraction free life. How? In this series we will explore His life and teaching to get a clearer picture to the type of life He invites each of us to experience.

Passage: Ephesians 5:15-17 "We live wisely when we use every opportunity to please and glorify the Lord. Every day and every hour provide opportunities, and we should seize them for these purposes. This is important because we live in days that evil influences and evil individuals dominate." – *Constable's Notes*

Questions

*In the Series Guide you will find basic questions we want all to use as they begin to look at the passage. Questions such as; *Who have you had the opportunity to BLESS this week? What does this passage reveal about God? About people? About the life He has planned for us?* These additional questions relate to the passage specifically for your benefit.

- Take a few moments to review questions from the guide. If you have not accessed it, there is a free digital copy [here](#).
- Paul tells his readers to "look carefully then how you walk." What do you think it looks like to move through everyday life *carefully* rather than reactively or hurried? What might some markers be that reveal how you are walking through your day?
- The phrase "making the most of your time" assumes time can be wasted or redeemed. Where do you most feel the tension between those two realities in your life right now? Where are you most prone to waste time? What step could you take this week to redeem it instead?
- Looking back over the assignment for the week, what is one major time waster you are looking to avoid this week? As a group, decide on a way to help one another throughout the week to be faithful to this goal?