

Lost in TRANSLATION

February 11th, 2018

Leader Guide

Leader Tip: *There is a group activity this week, so make sure to have some blank sheets of paper and pens. Pray for your group this week in expectation that God will move!*

THE WIN

Group Members will discuss the power of presence and identify steps to practice the greater value of relationship over busyness.

5-10
minutes

SERMON RECAP: WHAT DID THE TEXT MEAN? WHAT DOES IT MEAN?

In the message this week, we learned that being present demonstrates priority of relationships with others. We don't want this to just be information- we want it to lead to transformation through the power of God working in us to change how we invest our time.

- What was the biggest takeaway you had from the message this week?

3-5
minutes

WARM UP

Ask This:

- How many of you would consider yourself to be "quality time" people?
- When has someone invested time in you that made a huge difference in your life?

30-35
minutes

THE TEXT: WHAT DOES IT MEAN FOR ME?

"Time is the coin of your life. You spend it. Do not allow others to spend it for you." (Carl Sandburg)

- How do you decide how where your time gets invested?
- What are 3 of the biggest areas where you waste time?

Read Philippians 2:1-4 together as a group

Ask This:

- According to Philippians 2:1, what are four benefits of belonging to Christian community?
- Which of these benefits do you value the most?
- In 2:2-4, how does the author Paul instruct us to act in response to those benefits?
- What are some areas where you spend time that you protect most aggressively, where you look primarily to your own interests?

Consider this quote by Scotty Smith: *“You know you’re growing in grace when your “People-To-Love List” grows longer than your “Things-To-Do List.”*

- How does this connect with what we learned in Philippians 2:1-4?
- If you made this a goal, how would this alter the way you invest your time?

Do This:

Break up into huddles of 4. Have each person take a blank sheet of paper and divide it into two columns: “Things-To-Do” and “People-To-Love.”

1. Write down 5 Things-To-Do that you really want to accomplish this next week. Share those things with the other huddle participants.
2. With the help of your huddle, cross 3 of those Things-To-Do off the list for this week.
3. Now, write down 3 People-To-Love on the other side of the sheet. Consider choosing 1 family member, 1 LifeGroup member, and 1 person in your life who is far from God.
4. Ask your huddle for advice on practical ways you could love each person. Finally, commit to bless each of these people this week!

Gather everyone back together into a large group. Give your group members an opportunity to share their experience with compiling this list. Is this an exercise they would be willing to do each week?

Close with a time of prayer, encouraging each group member to pray for the People-To-Love on their list.

CLOSING THOUGHT

Quality time comes from quantity time!

“Relationships are built on small, consistent deposits of time. You can't cram for what's most important. If you want to connect with others, you've got to be available consistently, not randomly.”
(Andy Stanley)