



Part 3: God Time

Big Idea

It is time for more of God's presence in every part of our lives. Many people have received Christ as Savior and are headed for Heaven, but they're leaving God out of some places in their life. What would it look like if we had God in every part of our minds, bodies, schedules, and finances? The central message of Christ was that we must immediately change our minds and our direction to follow a new King. We are called to "Be up and awake to what God is doing!"

To walk with Christ at the center of our lives, we must prioritize our schedules, regulate what feeds us, organize our finances, and live intentionally. We should give God at least the first 15 minutes of our day: five minutes of God's Word, five minutes of worship, and five minutes of prayer. We should carefully consider how much secular and worldly influence we allow into our lives. We should organize our finances according to the principles of giving, saving, and living, always giving our first and best to God. We should organize our schedules, always making time for the things that matter most. Last, we should be intentional about living out our God-given purpose. It's time for all of us to know our purpose, have a plan, and live with accountability. MLK said, "Faith is taking a step even when you don't see the whole staircase." It's time for more of God in our lives!

"But make sure that you don't get so absorbed and exhausted in taking care of all your day-by-day obligations that you lose track of the time and doze off, oblivious to God. The night is about over, dawn is about to break. Be up and awake to what God is doing!" – (Romans 13:11-14 Message)

Discussion Questions

- What steps can you take right now to invite God into your finances?
- What can you limit or remove from your life this week in order to devote your eyes, ears, words, and thoughts more fully to God?
- What else can you do to live more intentionally this week?

Prayer Focus

Thank God for providing a continuous stream of moments filled with His presence. Ask God for wisdom and guidance as you reflect, prioritize, and organize your life with Jesus at the center. Ask God to surround you with spiritual authorities that can walk with you through a life intentionally focused on Christ and His purpose for your life.

Next Steps

Begin thinking and praying about what God would have you do for the upcoming small group semester. Consider joining, co-leading, or leading a Freedom or financial Small Group. Keep your eyes open for a good accountability partner or spiritual authority to invite into your life as you seek to live intentionally.

Leader Tip

Take some group time this week for everyone to develop a Rule of Five, which is John Maxwell's term for five important things you will be sure to do every day. Let everyone share and then discuss practical ways to help each other walk out these daily tasks.