

# Small Group Study Guide

## ICE BREAKER

- When asked how you are, how common is it for you to respond: “busy”?
- Being BUSY in our culture is considered normal, even valued? Should that be a spiritual goal for us?

## STUDY

This week we begin a series on our relationship to time in a Biblical Perspective.

What did you hear in this week’s sermon that was new about how you view time in light of God’s word?

### 1. Read Revelation 22:13, Psalm 31:15- “My Times are in your hands...”

- a. What changes in our life knowing that God Owns Time?
- b. How does Jesus’ life and death “marking time”(BC-AD) change all of human history?

### 2. Ecclesiastes 3:1-2, Hebrews 9:27, James 4.14

- a. How does knowing our life is limited make it more meaningful and sacred?

### 3. Psalms 90:12 “Teach us to number our days, that we may gain a heart of wisdom”.

- a. How does God teach us to number our days?
- b. How does that reality give us wisdom?
- c. Hospice nurse Bonnie Ware wrote about how facing death creates regrets. Including:
- d. “I wish I had not lived the life others expected of me”. In what way does the Bible teach us not to live to please others’ expectations?
- e. “I wish I had not worked so hard”.
- f. How is workaholism NOT a Christian Value?

- i. She reports that **EVERY** male patient had that regret!
- ii. How has that reality affected American marriages, children and families?

## REFLECT

- How does Jesus’ death and resurrection lead us to not fear death but motivate us to “count our days” right now?

## PRAY

- Pray for each other’s mission and ministry in view of counting your days.
- Follow up on past prayer requests.
- Pray for the families and workplaces of each member of your group.