

## **DON'T WASTE IT: YOUR TIME**

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### **We waste our time by not seeing**

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**We waste our time with \_\_\_\_\_**

**We waste our time by \_\_\_\_\_**

*For I have come down from heaven, not to do My own will, but the will of Him who sent Me. This is the will of the Father who sent Me, that of all He has given Me I should lose nothing, but should raise it up at the last day. And this is the will of Him who sent Me, that everyone who sees the Son and believes in Him may have everlasting life; and I will raise him up at the last day."*

John 6:38-40 NLT

### **We waste time by buying the lie that we**

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*The LORD will fulfill his purpose for me; your steadfast love, O LORD, endures forever. Psalm 138:8 ESV*

**We waste our time by \_\_\_\_\_,**  
**exhausting our emotional energy on things**  
**deserving \_\_\_\_\_**

*Obviously, I'm not trying to win the approval of people, but of God. If pleasing people were my goal, I would not be Christ's servant. Galatians 1:10 NLT*

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To NOT waste your time:

**Invest wisely the time you have for the thing that**

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**Decide now what you want**

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**Ask “What am I \_\_\_\_\_ about?”**

\_\_\_\_\_ **your relationship with  
Jesus and His Church**

*Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen.*

**Ephesians 3:20,21 NIV**

## **QUESTIONS FOR GROUPS //**

- *What are some of the ways that you waste your time?*
- *Do you believe the Lord will fulfill His purpose for your life? How can you cooperate with Him more fully?*
- *Have you ever spent a large amount of emotional energy on something that did not deserve it? How did you step away from that time-suck?*
- *What are some of the things that you would like on your tombstone, or to be a part of your legacy?*
- *What ARE you passionate about?*
- *Think about this statement: “When we invest in what matters, we can build the lives we want in the time we’ve got.” Discuss.*