



Time Matters
Psalm 90; Eph. 5:15 - 20 (NIV)

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EXAMPLE OF MEASURING TIME:
Legacy Marble Jar



ASK YOURSELF:

How do you visualize time over time?

1. When you see how much _____ you have left, you tend to get serious about the _____ you have now.

*Teach us to number our days that we may gain a heart of wisdom.
(Psalm 90:12)*

What is a heart of wisdom? It's realizing that...

- Every week matters.
- You don't have to get it all done in a week.

2. Spending time over time with kids is what enables you to make _____ together.

¹⁵ Be very careful, then, how you live—not as unwise but as wise,
¹⁶ making the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil.
¹⁷ Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the Lord's will is.
(Ephesians 5: 15 – 17)

- Parents have about _____ hours in a year.
- The Church has about _____ hours in a year.

SO WHAT does this mean for us as a church?

3. We are playing for _____ -- with every week that passes, with every marble we lose, we are making history.

¹⁸ ... Instead, be filled with the Spirit, ¹⁹ speaking to one another with psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit. Sing and make music from your heart to the Lord, ²⁰ always giving thanks to God the Father for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. (Ephesians 5:18b -20)



Doggy Bag for the Week:

1. Write the names of the kids and teenagers in your family, small group, or sphere of influence. Who are the individuals you are investing in over time in order to create a history worth repeating?
2. How many marbles of influence (weeks) do you have with the kids on your list? How does giving it a number, change the way you think about your time with them?
3. Think about the rhythm of your week. When are the most natural times for you to connect on a consistent basis?
4. Think about the rhythm of the year. When are some of the most significant weeks of the year? What can you do to be present in a different way, for the weeks that matter a little more?
5. If you are with the kids on your list for multiple years, what are some of the milestones, or key moments that you want to make a big deal? (Baptism, First day of kindergarten, Confirmation, Going to College, etc.). What do you want to do in those key moments?