

Here & Now Part 2

"Here & Now Update: Week 1"

Sermon Recap

What if the busyness and distractions of everyday life are actually keeping you from hearing the voice of God?

Pastor Jared walked us through Ephesians 5 and challenged One Life Church to wake up spiritually and make the best use of the time God has given. He shared a personal story about competing in a HYROX fitness race with his wife Amanda, noting how easy it is to become so laser-focused on our own agenda that we miss what matters most. Drawing on Corrie ten Boom's warning that busyness and distraction can make us numb, Pastor Jared urged the church to arise from spiritual slumber and fully engage in God's calling. This awakening connects directly to the Here and Now initiative, inviting the congregation to practice faithful stewardship and generosity to reach one more life for Jesus.

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Discussion Questions

Recognizing Spiritual Sleepwalking

Pastor Jared noted that it is easy to get caught up in daily routines, busyness, and phone scrolling without realizing we have fallen asleep spiritually. Based on Ephesians 5:14-17, how can you tell the difference between being merely busy and being spiritually awake? Reflect on areas of your life where distraction or comfort may have caused you to become numb to God's voice.

Avoiding the Distraction Trap

Referencing Corrie ten Boom, the sermon warned that if Satan cannot make you bad, he will make you busy and distracted. What specific distractions in your daily schedule tend to pull your focus away from God's purposes? Discuss practical steps your group can take to make the best use of your time in this season.

Stepping Into God's Call

Pastor Jared shared the humorous yet relatable analogy of running the HYROX race with his wife Amanda, where miscommunication and rushing caused them to lose track of each other. How have you ever become so laser-focused on your own agenda that you missed an

opportunity to join God in what He was doing around you? What would it look like for you to surrender your personal timeline and fully step into God's call?

Living Out Generosity and Vision

The Here and Now initiative challenges the church to give over and above regular tithes to reach one more life for Jesus through campus remodeling and outreach. How does sacrificial generosity reflect the abundant life Jesus speaks of in John 10:10? Discuss how your relationship with material resources and giving can better align with God's vision for the church.

Prayer 🙏

- May we break free from spiritual slumber and distraction, refusing to let busyness numb us to the urgent call of God on our lives.
- May we carefully evaluate how we walk each day, making the wisest possible use of the time and seasons God has entrusted to us.
- May we respond with humble obedience to the voice of God, laying down our personal agendas to step fully into His redemptive work and vision.
- May we cultivate a spirit of joyful generosity and faithful stewardship, offering our resources without hesitation to reach one more life for Jesus.