

Here & Now Part 2

“The Time Is Now”

Sermon Recap

What if the life God is calling you to isn't something for someday, but something for right now?

Pastor Jared walked us through Ephesians 5 and reminded us that we are called to redeem the time and understand the will of the Lord. Instead of putting off our obedience for when things slow down or when life gets easier, we are urged to live fully for Christ today. He shared that every person will one day stand before God to answer two vital questions about what we did with Jesus and how we stewarded the life and resources He gave us. Here is the tension he left us with: following Jesus is not about religious activity or keeping God at a distance, but about a genuine, life-transforming relationship that shows up in our generosity, our service, and our daily choices.

Every number has a name, every name has a story, and every story is the reason why this church exists.

Discussion Questions

Reflecting on the Two Accountability Questions

Pastor Jared highlighted that we will one day stand before God and face two primary questions: what we did with Jesus, and what we did with the life and resources He gave us. How does thinking about this future accountability change your daily priorities and your approach to managing your time and finances right now? Reflect on whether your current daily routines reflect a deep, active relationship with Christ or if they rely more on routine religious activity.

Moving Past 'One Day' Delay

Many believers fall into the trap of saying 'one day'—waiting until kids are older, life slows down, or finances improve—before fully committing to God's calling or getting involved in ministry. Why is it so easy to delay obedience, and what specific area of your life is God inviting you to address 'here and now' rather than waiting for a more convenient season?

Discovering and Using Your Spiritual Gifts

The sermon noted that less than sixty percent of churchgoers know their spiritual gifts, yet every believer is called to use whatever gift they have received to serve others as faithful stewards. What steps can you take this week to discover your spiritual gifts, and how might your small group or local church community help you step into active service?

Living Out Generosity and Faith

Drawing from 1 Timothy 6, Paul encourages believers not to put their hope in uncertain wealth, but to be rich in good deeds, generous, and willing to share. In what practical ways can you practice generosity with your resources this season, and how does sacrificial giving help you store up treasures for the coming age?

Prayer 🙏

- May we redeem the time by stepping into obedience today rather than delaying our calling to a vague 'one day.'
- May we examine our hearts to ensure our relationship with Jesus is built on genuine faith rather than religious activity.
- May we manage our resources and discover our spiritual gifts with a clear focus on eternity and the coming age.
- May we boldly take our next steps of faith by practicing generosity, serving others, and going public through baptism.