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## INTRODUCTION

## Part 3 - Having an Impact Within the Church

We want to make a difference. We strive to have an impact. We need to be able to identify our talents and gifts, and leverage our abilities for good. Above all, we need help from others to accomplish that.

Join us for a new series, as we explore ways we can have a greater impact in the world around us—together.

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Would you say that most people are too busy these days? Explain your answer. What are some negative effects of busyness?
2. Do you think our busyness keeps us from being available to meet needs around us? How does our busyness prevent us from keeping our priorities straight sometimes?
3. Read Ephesians 5:15-17. Why is it important that we make the most of our time? How do you think we discover God's will for our lives each day?
4. Read Mark 5:21-36. Can you relate to the pressure Jesus may have been feeling because of the crowd and the demands that were placed upon him? How do you think he was able to stay calm under these circumstances?
5. When Jesus realized that a woman had received a healing after touching him, he stopped to talk with her. Why do you think he did this?
6. Why is faith so essential? Why does it matter that our faith be placed in the right thing (or person)?
7. Jesus was on a mission to heal Jairus' daughter, and yet he was sensitive enough to stop and address another need along the way. How can we come to a point where we are always sensitive to something new God may be wanting to do?
8. How do you think Jesus kept from getting burned out by serving too much?
9. How might you apply this lesson to your life?

## APPLICATION

How many times have you said or heard the phrases I don't have time, I'm too busy, and I'm too tired? Most days are filled with schedules, work, and responsibilities. We don't have extra time or a willingness to stop and address other needs that may present themselves. We tend to ignore opportunities, and we aren't actively aware of what God may want to do through us in a given moment.

Jesus lived his days being sensitive to what his Heavenly Father had for him moment by moment. He didn't think of other people or unexpected circumstances as interruptions or burdens. He was always ready to be used by God. We have the potential to make a difference every day. God has us where He wants us in order to have an impact wherever we are. There are many opportunities we may miss because we're too distracted to notice. We should strive to be more purposeful and conscious, so we're able to make the most of the opportunities we have. Then we, too, can have an impact on others.

## KEY VERSES

Ecclesiastes 4:9  
Ecclesiastes 5:15-17  
Mark 5:21-36