

MIND THE GAP



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So be careful how you live. Don't live like fools, but like those who are wise. Make the most of every opportunity in these evil days. Ephesians 5:15-16 (NLT)

So teach us to number our days that we may get a heart of wisdom. Psalm 90:12 (ESV)

1. How am I using my _____?

See Luke 10:38-42 (NLT)

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- **Prioritize His** _____ .
- **Stop delaying our** _____ .
- _____ **our schedule.**

2. How am I loving _____?

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Don't be selfish; don't try to impress others. Be humble, thinking of others as better than yourselves. Don't look out only for your own interests, but take an interest in others, too. You must have the same attitude that Christ Jesus had. Philippians 2:3-5 (NLT)

- **Practice forgiveness** _____ .
- **Prioritize people over** _____ .
- _____ **into someone.**
- **Love outside our** _____ .

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3. _____ am I really _____ for?

*Seek the Kingdom of God above all else, and live righteously, and he will give you everything you need.
Matthew 6:33 (NLT)*

And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him. Colossians 3:17 (ESV)

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1. How am I using my TIME?

See Luke 10:38-42 (NLT)

How do you know what your life will be like tomorrow? Your life is like the morning fog—it's here a little while, then it's gone. James 4:14 (NLT)

- Prioritize His PRESENCE.
- Stop delaying our OBEDIENCE.
- AUDIT our schedule.

2. How am I loving PEOPLE?

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- Practice forgiveness DAILY.
- Prioritize people over PRODUCTIVITY.
- INVEST into someone.
- Love outside our COMFORT ZONE.



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3. WHO am I really LIVING for?

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DISCUSSION QUESTIONS
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CONNECT

Do you have your “ride or die” friends and family members? How much time do you spend with them? Have you ever lost a relationship because you didn’t spend enough time with them?

ENGAGE

What stood out to you this week regarding “gaps” in your life in how you manage your time and relationships?

GROW

- When you look at your weekly schedule, what does it reveal about your true priorities?
- If you were to “audit” your time this week, what’s one change you could make to invest more in eternal things?
- Who in your life is hardest to love right now, and what would it look like to love them “as Christ has loved you”?
- How can we learn to value people over productivity in a culture obsessed with busyness?
- In what ways could you intentionally invest in relationships and community this month?
- What does it practically mean to “seek first the kingdom of God” in your daily life? What’s one area in your life where this is misaligned?

CHALLENGE

This week, give God the first part of your time. Even ten focused minutes of prayer and Scripture before anything else can set the pace for the rest of your day.

This week, love one person intentionally. Choose someone difficult, overlooked, or hurting, and show them the love of Christ in action—not just in words.

This week, realign your life with Christ’s kingdom. Ask yourself daily: “Who am I really living for today?”