

The Time is NOW



... To Serve In Love



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1. The time is now to open my eyes to the _____ around me.

2. The time is now to _____.

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So speak encouraging words to one another. Build up hope so you'll all be together in this, no one left out, no one left behind. I know you're already doing this; just keep on doing it. 1Thessalonians 5:11 (MESSAGE)

3. The time is now to experience God's _____.

You know these things - now do them! That is the path of blessing. John 13:17 (NLT)

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2. The time is now to ACT.

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Discussion Questions *Week 7*

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[CONNECT]

Share a time that you helped and served someone. How did it bless them? How did it (maybe surprisingly) bless you?

[ENGAGE]

What impacted you the most personally from the message?

[GROW]

Read John 13:1-17. Take a moment to imagine yourself at that dinner. What would you have seen? What do you think you would have been hearing from the disciples? What do you think they would have feeling?

Now think about Jesus entering the room. Do you think he looked at his followers with disappointment or do you think there was an inward smile at their awkwardness? How do you think Jesus looks at you?

How can we open our eyes and see needs around us? What would you need to do to slow down and see God's invitation to serve someone in love?

Here's the quote from Bob Goff's book "Love Does" that was read during the message...

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What impacts you in that? How does it challenge you? How does it inspire you?

[LEAD (YOURSELF)]

Read John 13:17. Jesus said, "you know these things... now do them." Where do you see Jesus working around you right now? How can you join Him in that?