

Discussion Guide

The Difference A Day Makes

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Week 3

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Main Idea

The Greeks had two ways of telling time. *Chronos*, which is logical time, the understanding of time based on a segment and sequence. And then there was *kairos*, the idea of season and opportunity. It's not just about what time it is. It is about what is it time for? What is it time for in my life?

Mark 8:13-31 (NASB)

Leaving them, He again embarked and went away to the other side. And they had forgotten to take bread and did not have more than one loaf in the boat with them. And He was giving orders to them, saying, "Watch out! Beware of the leaven of the Pharisees and the leaven of Herod." They began to discuss with one another the fact that they had no bread. And Jesus, aware of this, said to them, "Why do you discuss the fact that you have no bread? Do you not yet see or understand? Do you have a hardened heart? Having eyes, do you not see? And having ears, do you not hear? And do you not remember, when I broke the five loaves for the five thousand, how many baskets full of broken pieces you picked up?" They said to Him, "Twelve." "When I broke the seven for the four thousand, how many large baskets full of broken pieces did you pick up?" And they said to Him, "Seven." And He was saying to them, "Do you not yet understand?"

Who Is In Your Boat Is More Important Than What Is In Your Boat

We can't default to trying to figure things out in the natural world and forget about who is in the middle of our every situation. In what areas of your life are you trying to figure things out in the natural? How do you know that you're acknowledging God in the middle of your season (*kairos*)?

What Jesus Has Done For Others, He Can Do For You

The disciples didn't believe that Jesus would do for them what He did for the thousands who ate with so little. "Beware of the leaven" was a warning against mixing unbelief, hypocrisy, and worldliness into our life. Where are you allowing "leaven" to creep its way into your thinking and decision making process?

Additional Scripture: Joshua 8-10 (Israel's battle with Ai and the occasion where God caused the sun to stand still.)

Jesus Does The Most With The Least

Have you considered where the one loaf came from and where it went? The truth of the matter is that at each occasion of Jesus feeding the multitudes, He did more with less. He can do the same in our lives as well. What current situation in your life are you struggling to believe that God can do more with less?

SUMMARY

Pastor Hagan shared with us that the more empty and broken that we come to God, the more that He can do in and through us with plenty left over. The math may not add up in the natural, but He works in the realm of the supernatural.

CALL TO ACTION

1. Take a few moments to remember the miracles that God has already performed in your life? What has been the common theme?
2. Read the story of the men walking on the road to Emmaus in Luke 24:13-35. What points stick out to you?
3. Think again about the Greek terms for time: chronos and kairos. We are usually pretty mindful of maintaining and planning our time, our schedules. How can you be more mindful of your kairos, the opportunities that God provides us?

A great way to take advantage of your kairos is to discover your purpose through [Growth Track](#), [Joining](#) a Connect Group, or serving on a [Dream Team](#). If you need assistance you can email info@hopecity.com.

GROUP LEADER RESOURCE

Game: What's Your Theme Song?

Music is a great conversation starter and a great team bonding tool. For this icebreaker activity, ask the group to imagine they're in a movie. What song would play when they walk into a scene? Would it be a rousing number like in Rocky or maybe something more somber? You can use that information throughout the group to, say, play music when a milestone has been completed.