

# Group Questions – Words of Easter: Week 1

03/10/24 – Pastor Kirby

## *Getting to Know Me Questions:*

- Do you have a song or quote you like that is about time in some way?
- If you could go backwards in time to any point in history, where and why? (*You cannot choose a biblical event or person*)

## *Into the Bible Questions:*

- What's something from this week's teaching that you learned, that stood out, interesting etc?
- **READ:** Mark 1:14-15
- In verse 15 Jesus said "The Time has come". The biblical Greek word for time is *Kairos* (*Kai-Ros*). Meaning the measurement of a 'limited period of time'.
- When you hear this phrase or a similar one, what do you think about?
- How does that thought inform your understanding of what Jesus said?
- Pastor Kirby used Biblical scholar N.T. Wright's '5 act play' (Hermeneutic ☺) to outline the bible.
  - Act 1: Creation
  - Act 2: Fall
  - Act 3: Israel
  - Act 4: Jesus
  - Act 5: Church
- In act 1 of creation, God and humankind spent time together in person. If you could spend time with Jesus directly, like we are doing right now, what would you do, ask, say?
- In act 3 – Israel was given the terms and conditions of salvation connection with God, which were extensive and ended up being treated as 'open for interpretation'. We have rules today for many things. What are the laws and rules meant to do? Why do they get put in place? (*please be careful to not get political, but think critically about the idea*)
- **READ:** Galatians 4:1-5
- Jesus came at a specific time. What event in your lifetime, shaped culture, your life, the world at that time?
- **READ:** Matthew 28:18-20
- Act 5 – The Church is the continuation of the time of Jesus, we are a part of the timeline. You are here for this time and place.

## *Application Questions:*

- How are you spending your time?
- In what ways can you dedicate some of your *Kairos* (*Kai-Ros*) to the Church, the world around you to show the Kingdom of God?

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Today's Word: **TIME**

**Switchfoot: Gone**

Gone, my high school dreams are gone

My childhood sweethearts are gone

Life is a day that doesn't last for long

Life is more than money, time was never money

Time was never cash

**Yesterday: The Beatles**

Yesterday

All my troubles seemed so far away

Now it looks as though they're here to stay

Oh, I believe in yesterday

'The days are long, but the years are short.'

Definition: TIME – “The indefinite continued progress of existence and events in the past, present, and future regarded as a whole.”

Mark 1:14-15

<sup>14</sup> After John was put in prison, Jesus went into Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God. <sup>15</sup> “The time has come,” he said. “The kingdom of God has come near. Repent and believe the good news!”

**5 Act Hermeneutic** – *offered by N.T. Wright*

- **Act 1 – Creation**

Genesis 1:31

<sup>31</sup> God saw all that he had made, and it was very good. And there was evening, and there was morning—the sixth day.

- **Act 2 – The Fall**

Romans 3:21-24

<sup>21</sup> But now apart from the law the righteousness of God has been made known, to which the Law and the Prophets testify. <sup>22</sup> This righteousness is given through faith in Jesus Christ to all who believe. There is no

difference between Jew and Gentile, <sup>23</sup> for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, <sup>24</sup> and all are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus.

- **Act 3 – Israel**

Isaiah 53:4-6

<sup>4</sup> Surely he took up our pain

and bore our suffering,

yet we considered him punished by God,

stricken by him, and afflicted.

<sup>5</sup> But he was pierced for our transgressions,

he was crushed for our iniquities;

the punishment that brought us peace was on him,

and by his wounds we are healed.

<sup>6</sup> We all, like sheep, have gone astray,

each of us has turned to our own way;

and the Lord has laid on him

the iniquity of us all.

- **Act 4 – Jesus**

Galatians 4:1-5

<sup>1</sup> What I am saying is that as long as an heir is underage, he is no different from a slave, although he owns the whole estate. <sup>2</sup> The heir is subject to guardians and trustees until the time set by his father. <sup>3</sup> So also, when we were underage, we were in slavery under the elemental spiritual forces of the world. <sup>4</sup> But when the set time had fully come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, <sup>5</sup> to redeem those under the law, that we might receive adoption to sonship.

- **Act 5 – The Church**

Matthew 28:18-20

<sup>18</sup> Then Jesus came to them and said, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. <sup>19</sup> Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, <sup>20</sup> and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”

Question: How are you spending your time?