

House On The Rock Life Group Study outline

May: Redeeming the Time

Week 3 - Redeeming the Time in practice: How are YOU doing it?

Introduction

“A smart person learns from his mistakes, but a truly wise person learns from the mistakes of others”. This saying has been attributed to many people, Otto van Bismarck being one of the earlier ones. John Maxwell phrased it this way: “It’s said that a wise person learns from his mistakes. A wiser one learns from others’ mistakes. But the wisest person of all learns from others’ successes.” These quotes are similar to what the Bible says, and may have even originated from it. Prov 13:20 says “He who walks with wise men will be wise, but the companion of fools will be destroyed”. Wisdom is one of the keys to redeeming the time, as we saw last week. Today we want to spend some time learning from each other’s experiences, mistakes and successes. How have you redeemed the time, whether in this season or previous ones? What advice do you have for others going through the same experience?

Pilot text

Eph 5:15-17 See then that you walk circumspectly, not as fools but as wise, redeeming the time, because the days are evil. Therefore do not be unwise, but understand what the will of the Lord is.

Prov 24:5-6 A wise man is strong, yes, a man of knowledge increases strength; for by wise counsel you will wage your own war, and in a multitude of counselors there is safety.

- What Scriptural examples of redeeming the time in a season of lockdown can we learn from?
 - Joseph (Gen 37-50), Daniel (Dan 1-2), Jesus (Matt 3-4), others?
- Our own experiences of redeeming the time during a lockdown season.
 - Please share your own experiences, testimonies and suggestions of how to redeem the time during this lockdown season.
- Take home actions
 - Next week is our interactive online Wednesday service, during which Pastor Temi will take time to address questions. Take some time to write down any questions you may have regarding this month’s learnings and send them to your Life Group coordinator.