Series: At the Movies Message: The Bucket List

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# What Makes Your bucket List?

# How much time do I have?

Psalms 39:4, Psalm 90:12

# What would <u>Jesus</u> put on my Bucket list?

Mark 12:30-31

# Am I using my time to make a difference.

Galatians 5:6

### **NEXT STEPS**

Use these study questions to turn a message into a conversation.

- 1. Knowing that life is brief, what spiritual changes do you need to make? Are you living for the pleasures of this world or for the kingdom of God? If you were on your deathbed, what regrets would you have about your life? What priorities do you need to change in order to live for what is truly important? How would making these changes now, change your life and impact those around you?
- 2. What does it mean to turn our whole heart towards Jesus? Do you love Jesus with your whole heart? Is He truly your number one relationship? What or whom have you made a higher priority than the Lord? What would it look like for you to live every day simply to know and love Jesus with all your heart?
- 3. Read James 4:17. What is wrong with planning out our lives? What sinful attitudes was James addressing? How do you feel when you think about your life being a mist that is vanishing away? On your bucket list, what is one thing you would be sure to do? Why are you waiting? What is the good intention you have that God wants to turn into a good action? Share specifically what you need to do and when you will do it.
- 4. What changes will you make in order to live in the moment and make the most of your days on earth? How do your priorities (bucket list) need to change? What do you need to do differently?
- 5. What has God put on your heart to do that you haven't done? What action steps will you take this week? Be sure to surrender the results to God and trust Him to work through you. When making daily decisions, ask yourself this question: "If I only had thirty days to live, what would I do?"

- 6. What will you do this week to turn your heart more toward Jesus? What relationships or activities have robbed you of living to know and follow Christ? Start each day with the Lord, surrendering your life, your plans, your bucket list, your will to Him. Make it your goal to rejoice in the Lord throughout your day and give Him thanks in every situation.
- 7. Read Ephesians 5:15-20 and Colossians 3:1-4, 12-17 and list the things mentioned that would describe living in the moment for what really matters. How can we make the most of our days on earth?

Why are prayer, rejoicing and giving thanks important? (Eph 5:19-20) Where are we to focus our thoughts? (Col 3:2) What are some of the things above we are to think on? How does focusing on the eternal reality of heaven and being in Christ transform us? What earthly things tend to get most of your attention? What will you do to change your focus?

8. How do you need to become more like Christ in your relationships? What qualities mentioned in Col 3:12-14, do you need to put on? Who do you need to forgive? For what do you need to be thankful? How can you live each day to simply become more like Christ and make Him known to others?

#### VERSES FOR FURTHER STUDY:

Psalm 16:5-11, 118:24, 144:4; Proverbs 3:27, 27:1; Ecclesiastes 7:1-2; Matthew 6:28-34, 7:24-26; Mark 12:28-34; Luke 10:38-42; 2 Corinthians 5:6-9, 15; Philippians 2:21-24, 3:8-11; James 1:22-25, 4:17; 1 John 2:15-17, 3:16-18

## REAL LIFE. REAL GOD. REAL STORIES.

"My faith grows when I give voice to what God has already done so I can ask him with outrageous faith to do the next big thing in my life."

Share briefly your story of what God has done.

A Guide to help you share:

- What was your need you brought to God. (The need for love, acceptance, fear, anger, bitterness, financial, relationship, health)
- What great dream or desire did you bring to God?
- What was your attitude toward God when you asked.
- How specifically did God meet your need?
- How has this grown your faith?

We will be recording these stories regularly over the coming weeks. Consider sharing your God story to inspire the faith of everyone.