

Week One: Heart for His house

- We believe The Mercer church has an incredible opportunity to reach and serve our community. Pray that we would be a place of love.
- Pray that no hypocrisy would slip into our church family. This is also an important time to pray over the church's resources.
- Pray that this new year would see financial stability, transparency, and growth. We must all learn to be good stewards of the time, money, and resources that God has given us.
- As we grow as a congregation so do the needs of our congregation. As we become good stewards of the blessings God has given us may we keep our eyes open to the needs surrounding us.



Week Two: Heart for the Community

- This year let us focus on the call of Jesus for His disciples to be Peace-Makers. A Peace-Maker is one who actively engages chaos in order to bring about peace in their communities.
- Our prayer is that every disciple within our congregation will actively participate in their mission groups this year. Let us join hands in unity and work together towards bringing peace and restoration to our communities.
- We also pray that each disciple will seize the opportunity to participate in the redeeming work of the Holy Spirit. Whether it is meeting practical needs or sharing the Gospel, may we all be involved in bringing healing and dignity to our local communities. To accomplish this, we must be a people of prayer.
- Let us seek the guidance of the Holy Spirit, asking Him to open our eyes to the spiritual and physical needs of those around us.



The Mercer Church: Mission Groups

- Lawrence/Princeton
- Ewing
- Trenton
- Hamilton
- East/North Brunswick
- Matawan/Woodbridge





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Discussion Question:

- Why do some individuals find it challenging to consistently be active, creative participants in cultivating spiritual relationships and engaging in missional involvement?

Time spent with Parents & Siblings

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Peaks in childhood and declines after age 20.

Key Takeaways:

- Time with family is limited.
- Time with parents declines sharply after age 20.
- You may only see your loved ones a few more times.

Prioritize and cherish every moment.

Time Spent With Family



Source: American Time Use Survey, Our World in Data

Time spent with Friends

Time Spent With Friends

Peaks in childhood and declines after age 20.

Peaks at age 18 and declines sharply to a low baseline.

Key Takeaways:

- Embrace friendship breadth, but focus on depth.
- Cherish those who are with you through good times and bad.

Time Spent With Friends



Source: American Time Use Survey, Our World in Data

Time spent with Partner

Time Spent With Partner

Trends upwards until death.

Key Takeaways:

- Who you choose as a partner is the most important decision you'll ever make.
- Find someone you genuinely enjoy spending time with.

Never settle for less than love.

Time Spent With Partner



Source: American Time Use Survey, Our World in Data

Time spent with Children

Time Spent With Children

Peaks in your 30s and declines sharply thereafter.

Key Lessons:

- Time with your children is short—the "Magic Years" will fly by if you let them.
- Be present in every moment.

Slow down and embrace the sweetness that children bring to your life.

Time Spent With Children



Source: American Time Use Survey, Our World in Data

Time spent with Co-workers

Time Spent With Coworkers

Steady during the prime working years from age 20-60.

Key Lessons:

- You'll spend a lot of time at work.
- Who you choose to work with is one of the most important decisions you'll make.

Find work—and coworkers—that create energy in your life.

Time Spent With Coworkers



Source: American Time Use Survey, Our World in Data

Time spent with Alone

Time Spent Alone

Steadily increases throughout your life.

Key Lessons:

- Learn to embrace solitude.
- Flex your boredom muscle regularly.

Find happiness and joy in the time you have to yourself—there will be a whole lot of it as you get older.

Time Spent Alone



Source: American Time Use Survey, Our World in Data

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Discussion
Question:

- Which one of the slides resonated with you and why?



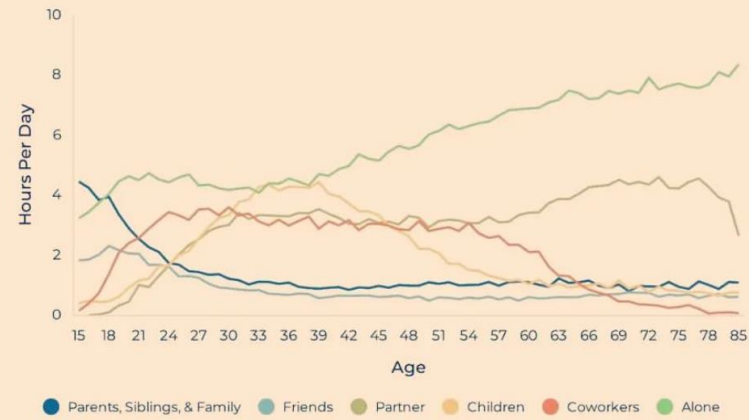
*“The bad news is time flies;
the good news is you’re the
pilot” Micheal Altsmuler*

Time spent

In summary:

- (1) Family time is limited—cherish it.
- (2) Friend time is limited—prioritize real ones.
- (3) Partner time is significant—never settle.
- (4) Children time is precious—be present.
- (5) Coworker time is significant—find energy.
- (6) Alone time is highest—love yourself.

Time Spent



Source: American Time Use Survey, Our World in Data



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Discussion Question:

- Which of these scriptures provide wisdom or guidance on how to address our proposed problem and how? Why is it difficult to adhere to or apply this wisdom?
- Hebrews 10:24-25
- Acts 4:32-35
- 1 Thessalonians 5:12-14
- Ephesians 4:2-6
- Philippians 2:3-4
- Romans 12:4-5
- Ecclesiastes 4:9-12



MISSION

SUNDAY

Missional purpose: Being sent out to discover and participate in on what God is already doing in a community.