

IF **TIME** WAS A
PING PONG
BALL



Q U E S T I O N S

F O R P E R S O N A L G R O W T H O R D I S C U S S I O N

- 1 What most caught your attention in John's message about time?

- 2 It's likely that all of us were squirming uncomfortably at one time or another during the message. What was your most uncomfortable discovery?

- 3 We all often use the phrase "I just don't have time..." Let's examine it objectively. In what ways is it true? In what ways is it false? Why does it matter?

- 4 Read John 9:4-5. While He was walking among us, subjected as we are (for the first time since He created the world) to the limitations of time, Jesus felt a sense of urgency to "do the works of Him who sent me."
 - A Why do you think we so often lack that sense of urgency?

 - B What do you think are the works that Jesus was referring to?

 - C Read John 20:21. Like Jesus, we are sent into the world to represent the Father. What are some of the "works of Him who sent us" that ought to fill our lives?

- 5 Read Psalm 90:12, and respond to these questions:
- A In what way would the ability to “number our days” permit us to develop a heart of wisdom?
- B Take a moment to do the math. Assume that you will live to the age of 78, the average life span of Americans in 2015 (though we know that is not guaranteed to anyone).
1. If that is the case, how many days remain for you? What is your response to that number?
 2. If you have already passed that age, what is your reaction to that realization?
- 6 As a group, read Ecclesiastes 3:1-8.
- A Which of those activities tend to come most easily to you? Describe any recent investment of your time in those areas, and describe the results.
- B Which of these do you realize NEED to be more a part of your life, but for some reason they don't come naturally?
- 7 As you examine your life in light of this study, what do you think is your one biggest time waster? How do you plan to change that this week?
- 8 As you examine your life in light of this study, what one part of your life do you think deserves a greater number of ping pong balls? How do you plan to address that this week?