**“Better Than Rubies – Pt 2”**

**June - 8/9, 2024**

**Speaker: Matt Price**

**Opening:** [15 mins] We suggest you begin with an opening prayer and then a brief “catch up” or “icebreaker” before moving into the *scripture reflection* and *application questions*.

**Scripture Reflection:** [20 mins]Read **James 4:13-15 & Ephesians 5:15-17.** After allowing the group time to reflect on the passage, ask them to share what most stands out to them.

**Application Questions:** [40 mins](*These questions will help you and your group dig deeper into the weekend sermon. Feel free to edit or use only those which fit your allotted time.)*

1. Matt began talking about the wise use of time and said that the first Biblical principle to consider was to seek to know what God wants and plan accordingly.
   1. What are some principles you hold on to know what God wants?
   2. Do you have a plan for the use of your time?
   3. What are some practical ways God might be wanting you to grow in this area?
2. How can we strike a balance between careful future planning and trusting God daily?
3. Matt taught that paying attention to how we lose our time is just as important as how we use our time.
   1. How do you lose time? How can you learn to be more wise with this?
   2. Matt mentioned using a countdown clock to help him stay focused on what is most important.
      1. What are some of you life goals?
      2. How can you remind yourself to stay focused on these important priorities?
4. Matt encouraged to make time listening to wise counsel.
   1. Who in your life is trusted source of wise counsel?
   2. How can you be more intentional about spending time and listening to that person?

**Closing & Prayer**: [15 mins]

* Have each person in your group share a prayer request, asking the lord for wisdom and then have someone pray.
* Pray for Holy Spirit fruitfulness in the people of CA.
* Pray for those who made first-time commitments or recommitments to Jesus at Easter.