



STUDY GUIDE

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**Message Series:**

**AT THE MOVIES**

**Message Title:**

In Time

**Teaching Pastor:**

Brian Hughes

### **Warm-up/Icebreaker:**

What is your biggest time-wasting activity?

### **Pray:**

Dear Lord, we know what a gift it is that we have breath in our lungs and were given today. Help us to let go of any distractions and to dive completely into Your Word. Allow Your Truth to work in our lives in a powerful way, help us to be more like you. In Jesus' name. Amen.

### **Get Started:**

- What is your best time management tip? Briefly share something that works for you.

### **Read Psalm 103:13-19.**

- What does this Psalm mean to you? Do you consider these principles in your daily life?

"Time is more precious than money, shiny toys, or winning certificates at work. When time is gone, it's gone. We can't get it back. Time is often both a mythological barrier and a millstone around our necks. We always have more time than we think, while also never knowing when the other side of our ledger will be called. We simply do not know how much time we have... You can't buy more time, manufacture more time, or circumvent time. With every minute we waste worrying or playing video games or complaining or saying, "I'll start that new degree program tomorrow," we cash out just a little bit more. We add another nail to our coffin. Time is like spending from a bank account, and we don't know how much money is in it. It's best to be wise with our purchases. It's almost never too late to start something new. You're never too old to start over again. And you're never too young to get started. Wasting time on trivial or nonsensical things is a tragedy. We often think too much has passed us by or that we have all the time in the world. Neither story is true." -Dr. John Delony, Mental Health Expert in his book, *Own Your Past Change Your Future*

- What's your visceral response to this quote? Do you agree or disagree? Share why.

### **Read 2 Peter 3:8-9, Ephesians 5:15-17, and Romans 13:11-12.**

**Watch and Discuss Video:** (No follow-up videos for At the Movies)

## Reflect and Commit:

"You can do a lot in a day. I love that. In fact, today may be the most important day of all for you. Because until you make your life line up with God's will, your time will never reach its full potential. For some, the most important thing you can do is turn your attention to the one who gave you the time in the first place. The right time for that is right now. It's not complicated, but it's also not easy. Because while I've made a firm commitment to line my life and the use of my time up with God's will, I have to fight for that in a daily renewal of that commitment. Let us use our time, stop wasting time so that we finish our time having made the most of every second of our time to make the world and the lives of the people in it better in the name and in the power of Jesus Christ." -Pastor Brian Hughes

## Read Ecclesiastes 3:1-22.

- What speaks to you most in this passage? How does this affect your mindset about how you live your life? What do you want to take away from this to apply to your own life?

We plan the way we want to live, but only God makes us able to live it.  
**(Proverbs 16:9, The Message)**

## Pray:

Dear Lord, teach us to realize the brevity of our lives so we may grow in wisdom. Help us to acknowledge that we are in control of our time and to see it as the gift that it is each and every day, one that we choose not to waste. Work through our lives to make the world a better place, all for your glory and in your name. Thank you for the gift of the time that you have given us, and for your mercy that is everlasting for Your children. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

## MOVIE TRIVIA (optional)

- In an interview with Kristopher Tapley of In Contention, Roger Deakins stated that he would be shooting the film in digital, which makes this the first film to be shot in digital by the veteran cinematographer.
- Olivia Wilde plays Justin Timberlake's mother in the movie, even though she is three years his junior.
- The Dayton scenes were filmed primarily in the Skid Row and Boyle Heights neighborhoods of Los Angeles, while the New Greenwich scenes were filmed primarily in Century City, Bel Air, and Malibu. The maps used by the Timekeepers are maps of Los Angeles.
- For the retrofuturistic setting, the production's vehicle suppliers assembled a fleet of cars and trucks from used car lots and junkyards. Center stage goes to a fleet of seemingly immaculate Dodge Challengers, the Time Keeper's cop cars. These too have been smoothed and externally customized, with grilles front and rear covering the lights, and low profile tires on disc wheels. A slim police light-bar is fitted internally, behind the windshield.
- On September 15, 2011, according to The Hollywood Reporter, a suit was filed by attorneys on behalf of speculative fiction writer Harlan Ellison that the film's plot was based on his 1965 short story "Repent, Harlequin! Said the Ticktockman".