

## Series: Some Assembly Required

### Scripture and Background Information for January 3-9.

To prepare for your group discussion each week, group members should use the **Community Group Discussion Guide** to complete the **GOD'S WORDS** and **MY WORDS** columns using the scripture below.

This week we'll be looking at **Psalm 90:12 in combination with Ephesians 5:15-16**. Moses, the writer of Psalm 90, reflects on his life and shows us something about our life. Verses 1-2 shows us that God is the eternal creator, who is not bound to time and space as we are. Nevertheless, Moses shows us that God lives amid our story. Thus, no matter if rich or poor, every moment of our lives matters.

#### **Background for Psalm 90:12+Ephesians 5:15-16:**

In Psalm 90, Moses reflects on his life and comes to one conclusion: Men need wisdom to "count" their days. As discussed in the sermon, *wisdom is a God's-eye-perspective for navigating real-life in real-time*. Moses wants us to see our lives the way God sees them. Moses uses investment language in a combination of our time here on earth. Moses' concept of time investment is comparable to clock-time or calendar-time. It is a predictable time, the time we can plan, and the time we intentionally use for the best benefit.

In Ephesians 5:15-16, Paul uses a different concept of time. He speaks of an unpredictable concept of time, like the seasons. He says we should use all the seasons in our life and use them for God's purpose. As the seasons in the calendar are unpredictable, so are the seasons of our life. We know they are coming, but we are not exactly sure when. There is a season of being a child, being an adult, singleness, marriage, parenthood, grief, and other seasons. We know they are coming, but we do not know when and how, and before we recognize them, they are already over again. God placed you in a special season to use you for His Kingdom. He wants you to invest your time to make the most out of your life-season. To make use of seasons effectively, we got to invest intentionally at the beginning.

In your community group, talk about the season you are in right now. Being aware of the season God placed you in will help you decide how you can invest in your calendar time (monthly time, weekly time, or daily time) for the best investment for God's Kingdom.

*Remember, Paul, warns us that the days are evil. There is one who tries to distract us from investing our time intentionally. He tries to focus us on our calendar time that we miss the season God placed us in. Where is a point in your life where you are more focused on your personal calendar time than the season God placed you in? Try to encourage each other, to invest your time with a God's-eye-perspective.*