

DEVOTIONAL | WEEK 4

unleashed  schedule

re-read

Let's review what we read Sunday. Read Acts 3.

reflect

Their Time

What especially strikes you from this story? Write a brief paraphrase in your own words of what is happening.

All Time

What principle(s) can you learn from this passage? Write out the timeless truth(s) from the section you paraphrased above.

My Time

What is the personal application of the all-time principle(s)?

challenge: empty to be filled

This week's theme is **schedule**. Busyness is the curse of our age. It's been said that it would be easier for someone to give \$100 to a cause than it would be to give an hour of time. This week, take an intentional step to create space in your schedule to experience the unleashing of the Spirit and to be unleashed into this world for the sake of Christ.

Below are some suggestions on what you could do...

- Get up 30 minutes earlier than normal to pray and study the Word.
- Evaluate your schedule for the next three to six months.
 - Find times when you can volunteer or serve.
 - Find times when you can spend extended time alone with God.
- For parents: Schedule a one-on-one time with each of your kids this week/next week.
- For families: Make the commitment to pray together as a family before leaving the home and/or at night before going to bed.
- For students: Say no to this weekend's hangout time with friends, and instead, spend time with Jesus.
- Take an appointment (or several appointments) off your schedule and replace it with (drum roll) nothing.
- Take a nap.

These are merely suggestions. Your intentional step is your choice and can be something totally different.

What is your intentional step going to be?

How will this step create room for the Holy Spirit's move in your life?

learn from others

Take some time to watch or read (or both) about what it looks like to practice the discipline of rest and how to not let busyness define us.

The Discipline of Rest

Watch this video by visiting <https://tinyurl.com/NMCSchedule1>

Have You Made Busyness an Idol?

Read this article by visiting <https://tinyurl.com/NMCSchedule2>

reflect

As you read/watched, what did you learn or what especially struck you when it comes to the busyness in your schedule?

words to remember

Each week, we will focus on one verse that reinforces that week's theme. These verses will be posted on our social media pages (Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter) and on our app. Physical copies will also be available at the Ministry Center. Take one for yourself, a family member, and a friend, and let's be the Church *Unleashed* together!

This week's verse:

**Be very careful, then, how you live—
not as unwise but as wise, making
the most of every opportunity,
because the days are evil.
Ephesians 5:15**

reflect

If you were to rate yourself on a scale of 1-10 (1 being terrible; 10 being a pro), how well do you feel you are living out this verse and why?

To gain context on this verse, read Ephesians 5:15-21. What struck you as you read this larger section?

Digging Deeper: Unleashed Stories



Every week, we will talk with different people in the NMC family who have experienced or are experiencing their own journey of being the Church *Unleashed*. Listen to it on:

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reflect

Write out any impressions or takeaways from this week’s conversation below.

lessons from Scripture

Read Matthew 25:31-45. As you read this parable, keep in mind the focus of this week being our **schedule**.

How does this parable tie in to this theme as well as our series focus?

Jesus names a lot of situations and needs in this passage. Can you identify how and where you have met the needs of any of those listed?

What must happen for you to more fully live out this passage?

Go back to Ephesians 5:15 today, and do two things with it.

1. Try to memorize it.
2. Turn it into a prayer.

pre-read

Take some time to prepare for week three of our study by reading and reflecting on the Scripture we will cover.

Read Acts 4.

reflect

! How do you see our *Unleashed* theme being carried out in this part of the story?

" " What is one verse or section that especially resonates with you?

? What is one question that comes up for you in this Scripture?

app

You can work through this devotional week-by-week on our app! Each day will save to your phone, even after you close the app. Just tap on **Sermon Resources** on the home page, and you'll find this devotional, each week's verse, and the *NMC Digging Deeper* podcast.



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weekly verses

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