

WK 3 - JULY 18 LOOK AHEAD MATT RITTGERS. INDEPENDENCE CAMPUS PASTOR

INTRODUCTION

This week, Pastor Matt continues our While You're Away series with a message entitled "Look Ahead." He challenges us to pause and take a clear look at the upcoming months, years, maybe even decades of our lives by asking God to help us number our days, checking the seeds we're growing and looking beyond ourselves.

DISCUSSION

- 1. Share your summer plans with your group. How have you spent your time so far, and what's coming up?
- 2. **Read Psalms 39:5-8, 90:12 and 103:15-18.** Why should we be conscious of numbering our days? How could this affect our daily activities?
- 3. **Read Galatians 6:7-9.** Give examples of how you could "sow good seeds" during your summer activities.
- 4. Pastor Matt encourages us to look beyond ourselves and take Next Steps at our campus and home. What's one step you would like to try this summer?
- 5. Share one takeaway from this message and end in prayer.

TAKE ACTION

- 1. Set aside time to "sow good seeds" this week by being mindful of and loving with those in your circle. Have a backyard picnic, take a walk, take a friend out for lunch, etc.
- 2. Read Psalms 39, 90 and 103 in their entirety. Journal about what God is showing you through these passages.
- 3. Prayerfully consider a Next Step you could take to help you look beyond yourself.

RESOURCES

- 1. In this six-part RightNow Media series entitled Your Time is Now, speaker and chaplain for the Dallas Cowboys Jonathan Evans encourages us to walk in God's purpose today and for the rest of our lives.
- 2. Are you looking for resources on how to incorporate the Bible into your family's daily life? To memorize it, treasure it and sing it? Check out the Remember and Proclaim series on RightNow Media.
- 3. The Ultimate Road Trip: Family Vacation Collection (Adventures in Odyssey)