



Week 7:

The Busy Season

Psalm 46:6-11

A. The Dangers of Busyness

1. Why are we so busy?

What causes your busyness?

2. Busyness leads us to lead ourselves.

“The Lord is my shepherd...” Psalm 23:1a (NIV)

3. Busyness leads us to manage the outcomes.

“He makes me lie down in green pastures...”

Psalm 23:2a (NIV)

4. Busyness leads us away from fellowship.

“You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies.” Psalm 23:5a (NIV)

“And let us consider how we may spur one another on towards love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing...”

Hebrews 10:24-25a-b (NIV)

B. The King of the Nations...

“Nations are in uproar, kingdoms fall; He lifts His voice, the earth melts. The Lord Almighty is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress. Come and see what the Lord has done, the desolations He has brought on the earth. He makes wars cease to the ends of the earth. He breaks the bow and shatters the spear; He burns the shields with fire.” Psalm 46:6-9 (NIV)

1. made sure opposing nations found no footing.
2. reminded Israel that opposing nations would eventually see God’s wrath.
3. reminded Israel that war and peace depended on His voice.

C. The King of the Saints...

“He says, ‘Be still, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth.’ The Lord Almighty is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress. Selah.” Psalms 46:10-11 (NIV)

1. will do great things for His own glory.
 - a. The enemy’s rage was in vain.
 - b. God’s people knew that God will always be exalted.
2. will do great things for His people’s safety and protection.
 - a. God will always be the Lord of hosts.
 - b. God will always be for us.

“He got up, rebuked the wind and said to the waves, ‘Quiet! Be still!’ Then the wind died down and it was completely calm. He said to His disciples, ‘Why are you so afraid? Do you still have no faith?’” Mark 4:39-40 (NIV)

D. Defeating the Busyness Trap

1. Develop great time management.
“One cannot buy, rent or hire more time. The supply of time is totally inelastic. No matter how high the demand, the supply will not go up. There is no price for it. Time is totally perishable and cannot be stored. Yesterday’s time is gone forever, and will never come back. Time is always in short supply. There is no substitute for time. Everything requires time. All work takes place in, and uses up time. Yet most people take for granted this unique, irreplaceable and necessary resource.” — Peter Drucker

“But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.”

Matthew 6:33 (NIV)

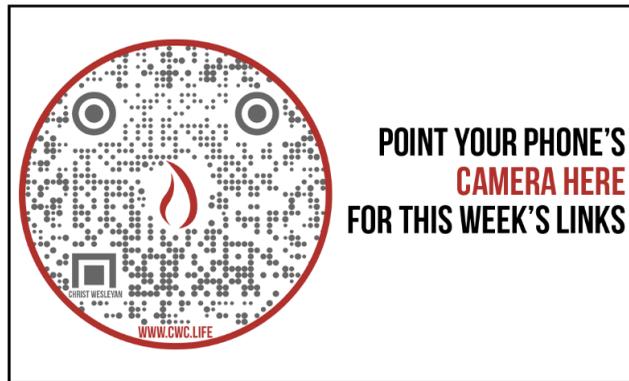
2. Develop an “Even though...be still” language and lifestyle.

“Though the fig tree does not bud and there are no grapes on the vines, though the olive crop fails and the fields produce no food, though there are no sheep in the pen and no cattle in the stalls, yet I will rejoice in the Lord, I will be joyful in God my Savior.” Habakkuk 3:17-18 (NIV)

Bottom Line: In the busyness of our world, be still and know that He is God.

**To begin a relationship with Jesus...
Text: IChooseJesus to 570-273-0088**

Next Sunday: Pastor Branden
Anthem: A Psalm for Every Season
Week 8: The New Season



Giving and Attendance Update

Giving last Sunday: 89.4%

Giving year to date: 96.6%

Last Sunday weekend attendance: 1,521

Salvations to date: 62 | Baptisms to date: 21

Upcoming Happenings:

July 25-29 CWC Youth Camp

**August 7 Membership Class (12:30p)
Room 102**

**August 5-7 Titanic the Musical
Auditions**

Get all the info & register: cwc.life/events

7 Hypotheses for Why We Are So Busy Today

1. Busyness as a badge of honor and trendy status symbol — or the glorification of busy — to show our importance, value, or self-worth in our fast-paced society
2. Busyness as job security — an outward sign of productivity and company loyalty
3. Busyness as FOMO (Fear of Missing Out) — spending is shifting from buying things (“have it all”) to experiences (“do it all”), packing our calendars (and social media feeds with the “highlight reel of life”)
4. Busyness as a byproduct of the digital age — our 24/7 connected culture is blurring the line between life and work; promoting multitasking and never turning “off”
5. Busyness as a time filler — in the age of abundance of choice, we have infinite ways to fill time (online and off) instead of leaving idle moments as restorative white space
6. Busyness as necessity — working multiple jobs to make ends meet while also caring for children at home
7. Busyness as escapism — from idleness and slowing down to face the tough questions in life (e.g. Maybe past emotional pain or deep questions like, “What is the meaning of life?” or “What is my purpose?”)

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