

Faithfully Present

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Book Club Questions For Group Discussions

- 1. In the introduction, Adam opens with a quote from Wendell Berry: “We live the life given, not the life planned.” What does this remind you of in your own life?*
- 2. In which part of your life is it most difficult for you to accept your own limitations (time, place, or otherwise)?*
- 3. Do you find yourself operating more often by chronos or kairos? How can you practically adopt a more relational view of time?*
- 4. What is your first internal response when faced with the statement: “You are going to die”?*
- 5. What do you think Moses meant when he asked the Lord in Psalm 90 to “teach us to number our days”? What is one method or thought that helps you to “number your days” with gratitude?*
- 6. What season of life are you in now? How does your current season influence the way you view other seasons, either past or future?*
- 7. Are you more prone to looking at your past with nostalgia or regret? Do your current circumstances or beliefs about the future impact your interpretation of the past?*
- 8. How do you think modern environmental factors impact the way we view time and place as a culture?*
- 9. In what arena of your life are you most influenced to try to take control of your time or place?*
- 10. What are some ways that modern Western fears and ideals about time and place have made their way into our Christian lives?*
- 11. How do you make time for rest?*
- 12. How do you presently prioritize your various relationships?*
- 13. What attitude do you naturally assume toward your body and creatureliness?*
- 14. Which relational space is most difficult for you to be faithfully present in: household, church, friendships, or church? When looking at the diagram and discussion on pp. 135-136, what comes to mind?*
- 15. What are you most looking forward to in a “time unlimited and a place uncursed”?*