

# THE HOUR GLASS

## NXL CONNECT

### CELL FORMAT

#### **BREAKDOWN >>**

//The goal of this lesson is to discuss What Time should do. Here are a few scriptures to help you prepare for your discussion. Gal 2:20 Jonah chapter 1-4

#### **OPEN UP >>**

//Has time given you an urgency to reach your friends.

#### **NOTABLE QUOTE >>**

*// Why was Jesus such a fanatic. Because he had a clock in the back of his mind saying only 3 more years. Is time driving you forward or putting you to sleep.*

**PASTOR JEREMY**

#### **OUT LOUD >>**

// I believe one of the number one ways the devil is going after this generation is by the use of there time. We've all been guilty of it. Have you ever said man where did the time go? Maybe you meant to log on to my space just to check your messages and the next thing you know an hour has gone buy. Time is easy to spend but impossible to get back. In our day there are so many different ways to burn up time we can customize our life any way that we want to. You can spend hours on play list and customizing your I-tunes. You make your my space just the way that you want. You can watch movies on your Ipod. Any restaurant will make things the way that you want it.

In Jonah chapter 1:1-6 we find out that Jonah is fast asleep. There is a storm about to tear apart the boat and he is sleeping. The bible says he was in a deep sleep. One way that people pass time is they sleep through it or drift through life. Drifters never live gal 2:20 (It's the life I now live.) For a drifter its ill do it tomorrow. The problem is that mentality always makes you wait till later. I'll talk to my friend about church later. Oops I forgot ill get him next week. If were honest with ourselves we will realize anything we put off we never do

In verse 12 Jonah gets tossed into the sea. If you've read the story you know that Jonah is eaten by the whale. This brings us to the next place the belly. This is a dark place in our life. It's a place without a lot of clarity. When the fish ate Jonah all he saw was God punishing him. The reality was that God was saving him. If he hadn't been eaten by the boat Jonah would have died. How long can you tread water? There are times in our life when we go through some stuff but our perspective needs to be, this is making me stronger and not God has forsaken me.

#### **Here is the truth about time.**

#### **Regardless of how long it takes God's will is not going to change**

The only difference in what God told Jonah to do in chapter one vs. chapter three is time. After his whole ordeal God still required him to bring a word of repentance to Nineveh. Jonah prolonged his own success story. God spoke to us about revolution a year ago what has changed in your life is the only thing different the amount of time that has passed. Who have we reached? Who have we disciplined? Who have we got plugged in?

**The truth is time should drive us forward.** So many Christians take the attitude my pastor will do it. They say things like man Pastor Zac has such a huge vision that's awesome. It's not about what Pastor Zac wants it's about what you want. It's not about what he will sacrifice for it's about what you will sacrifice for. What if the disciples took that approach? Jesus ascended into heaven and Peter looked at John and said we're screwed. Let's go to the mall. But Christian s come to church every week and get excited about the teaching and go to there school and do nothing with it. The time is now!

I often wonder what drove Jesus to work the way that he did. He risked extra heart ache and persecution to work on the Sabbath. The only thing I can think is that he knew he only had three years to make a difference.

In the back of your mind is your thought process I only have 3 years left in high school thank God or is it I only Have three years to make a difference. Is time driving you forward or putting you to sleep.

**PRAYER FOCUS >>**

*Pray for salvation and pray for those who identify with any of the points above (especially those that lack clarity*