



It's Time to...

Galatians 3:26—4:7

OPEN

This week we begin a new sermon series titled *It's Time*. As you think this about phrase, complete the following sentence as if God were asking you this question:

"Happy New Year (your name). It's time to _____."

Share you responses with one another.

DISCUSS

The Bible speaks of time in two different ways—*chronos* (quantity or physical time) and *kairos* (quality or how we fill the space of time). Can you think of passages or stories where the Bible speaks to these forms of time? Do you tend to think more in one form of time than the other? Explain.

Respond to the quote below from the weekend sermon:

Literally speaking, the word "kairos" comes from the same Greek root word as the word "Charis," meaning "grace." Kairos is "grace-filled time." One of the Big Ideas of the Bible is that God is always looking to fill the time of our lives and our world with redeeming grace. Yet, sometimes, this kairos takes a fair amount of chronos to unfold.

Read Galatians 3:26—4:7.

- What does this passage say about the significance of God's people (and you)?
- How is time spoken of in this passage? Explain.
- What is the significance (*kairos*) of time (*chronos*) in terms of your life now with God? With Others? Living in this season of life?



YOUR NEXT STEP...

As you enter this new year, take time to think about and even write your thoughts to these two statements (which are questions for you as well).

- Place a renewed value on CHRONOS -- on the preciousness of time ticking by.
- Live with a steadfast faith in the KAIROS – the grace -- at the center of Time.