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## SERIES OVERVIEW FOR KAIROS: It's About Time

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## "KAIROS" COVERS THE FOLLOWING PURPOSES AND PASSAGES:

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- Any large group setting
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- "Master teacher" format

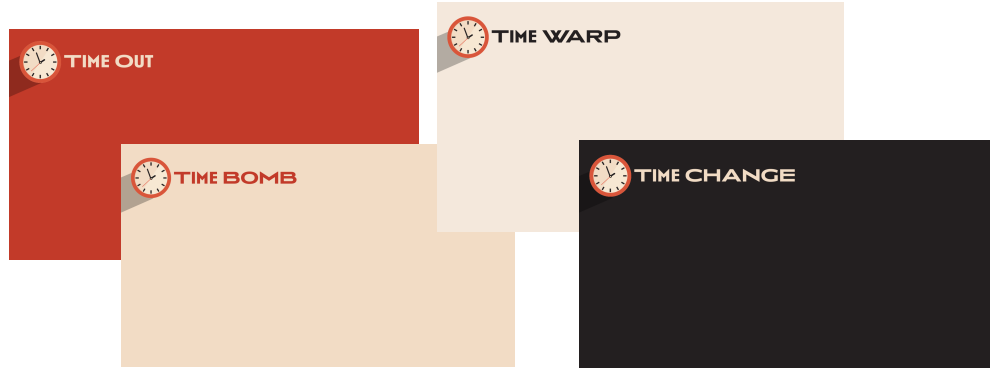
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## **Kairos Sermon Series | Session 1: Time Out**

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**A Prayer Before You Prepare** | Lord Jesus, You are the Creator and Sustainer of the Universe. From before the beginning, You have stood outside of time, yet you broke into it so that we could have salvation. Thank you for revealing Yourself to us in this way and humbling Yourself to death on a cross so that sin and death could be forever defeated. Thank You for the gift of leading students. Thank You for giving me breath in my lungs and time in my day. Help me to use the time that You've given me in a way that honors and glorifies You. Please don't let me waste the time that You've given me. Help me remember times when You have broken into my life in ways only You can. Help me communicate to my students that You are waiting to break into their lives and change everything about them for the better. Help me to faithfully communicate the grace and truth that You have so lovingly given us. Please bless my preparation and my time with my students. In Your Name, Amen.

## **Kairos Teaching Guide | A One-Page Glimpse Of Everything You Need To Prepare**

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**Series Snapshot** | *Kairos* is a four-session sermon series that will challenge your students to set aside “tick-tock” time to engage God intentionally and expect Him to break into their lives in timeless ways. By examining four stories of Jesus, this series will encourage your students to look beyond what sits immediately in front of them so they can see that God’s will, goodness, and grace are always working beneath the surface, setting up a framework designed to propel their lives deeper into His Kingdom.

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**Key Takeaway** | Evaluate everything by focusing on the only thing.

**Scripture Focus** | John 6:25-69

**What You May Need** | *Optional Illustration: One Shining Moment, Optional Illustration: Popularity Popped, Optional Illustration: Vending Machine*

### I. Introduction

#### A. *Optional Illustration: One Shining Moment*

1. Many children grow up hoping for their one shining moment — the moment in which they gain glory or fame for their play in athletic competition. Most people don't get that moment, but from time to time, we hear stories of teenagers getting their chance to get onto the basketball court, the football field, or some other field of play. These are feel-good stories but moments that are soon forgotten.
  2. But when Jason McElwain got his moment, time stood still. Jason has autism, and he loves basketball. He served as a manager on his high school's basketball team, but on February 15, 2006, his coach let him dress out for the game. When Jason's team took a big lead, the coach put Jason in the game with four minutes to go. He missed his first two shots but finally made a three-pointer. It was a great moment.
  3. But then Jason kept shooting. He made another three-pointer and then another, and before long, he had scored a whopping 20 points in just four minutes of play. Jason later said he was "hotter than a pistol." Jason's moment became national news. He got to meet President George W. Bush and Oprah Winfrey, and star NFL quarterback Peyton Manning came to visit him. That year at the ESPY awards, Jason won the award for Best Sports Moment — beating out Kobe Bryant's 81-point game and George Mason University's Cinderella run to the Final Four of the NCAA men's basketball tournament.
    - a) **NOTE: Search "Jason McElwain" on YouTube to find a video you can show of Jason's one shining moment.**
  4. Jason's moment in time was so memorable that people around the United States stopped and took part in it. In many ways, Jason's moment made time stand still.
- B. Welcome to our new series called *Kairos*! In this series, we're going to look at these types of moments when time seemed to stand still – moments we can call Kairos moments. Let me explain why we're using this weird title. Originally written in Greek, the New Testament uses two Greek words for time. One is *Chronos*, which is any period of time during which some activity takes place. It's like the "tick-tock" time we schedule our lives around. But the Bible also has another word for time – *Kairos*. It's the idea of a time that is especially fit for something without any emphasis on precise chronology, or order. KAIROS IS THE IDEA OF GOD'S APPOINTED TIME, OF JUST THE RIGHT TIME. It indicates God's timing. These are the moments when God breaks in to act, to heal, to correct, and to change things – in big ways, small ways, and any way in between.
- C. We all need these Kairos moments, these times when God breaks into tick-tock time. So in this series, we're going to see how Jesus broke into people's lives in the Gospels, and we'll see what this shows us about our present and our future. When God breaks in, we must accept the change He creates – whatever it may be. WE MUST ACCEPT BOTH THE WORK OF CHRIST AND THE WAY OF CHRIST. We must trust in what God is doing instead of trying to do it ourselves. And then we must step out in faith and believe that God's goodness will come in time. Are you ready for Jesus to break in? The moment is upon us. Don't you think it's time?

### II. Tension

#### A. *Optional Illustration: Popularity Popped*

1. Howard Dean was unknown outside of his home state of Vermont when he decided to run for president in 2004. But he quickly gained popularity among his party, and after being endorsed by several prominent party leaders, he actually became the frontrunner to win the presidential nomination. But after the Iowa primary, Dean gave a speech that sounded so strange that it immediately made him the butt of jokes. Late-night comics made fun of Dean, and his popularity plummeted. He basically lost any chance of the presidency with this strange speech.
    - a) **NOTE: Search “Howard Dean speech” on YouTube so that you can show this speech to your students.**
  2. Dean chased away followers with his strange speech, and as a result, he lost his presidential bid. In today’s passage, we’ll see how Jesus gave a speech that also caused people to leave Him – not because it was strange but because it was so shocking and thought-provoking. Let’s see what Jesus said so that we can start to consider why He said it.
- B. John 6 tells us the story of some of the biggest Kairos moments in the Gospels. First, Jesus fed the crowd – more than 5,000 men, women, and children. After this sign, many began to see Jesus as the Messiah, so Jesus had to retreat, “perceiving then that they were about to come and take Him by force to make Him king” (v.15). Then came a Kairos moment for Jesus’ disciples. The disciples were in a boat on the lake in the middle of the night when a massive storm erupted. In the midst of the storm, Jesus walked to them on the water. And at this point, the disciples had no doubt that Jesus was the Messiah, sent by God.
- C. After they reached the shore, the crowd quickly found Jesus and the disciples again. Because God had broken into time in these remarkable ways through Jesus, Jesus’ popularity among the people had never been higher, and the crowds had never been larger. But Jesus used His growing platform not to strengthen His popularity but instead to challenge everyone following Him about what their motivations were.

### III. Scripture

- A. Read [JOHN 6:25-69](#)
- B. After two memorable moments – the feeding of the 5,000 and Jesus walking on water – Jesus had a huge platform and an opportunity to build His popularity. But instead of using it to gain more and more followers, He challenged the motivations of those who had gravitated toward Him. Were they chasing Him because they wanted to see more miracles and eat more heavenly food? Or were they looking for “food that endures to eternal life” (v.27)?
- C. When Jesus challenged their belief, the crowd asked for another miraculous sign as proof, even though they had just seen the miracle of feeding 5,000. As Jesus talked about how God had sent manna from Heaven, they asked Him for more bread. Then Jesus said something so scandalous that people couldn’t handle it: [“I AM THE BREAD OF](#)



LIFE; WHOEVER COMES TO ME SHALL NOT HUNGER, AND WHOEVER BELIEVES IN ME SHALL NEVER THIRST” (v.35). But Jesus didn’t stop there. He said that He had come from Heaven and that they didn’t believe in God the Father because they didn’t believe in Him.

- D. We have to understand just how edgy and shocking these statements were to see why people stopped following Jesus after He said these things. The Jews in the crowd began to grumble against Jesus because He said He was from Heaven, and then they definitely couldn’t handle the idea of eating the flesh of Jesus since He had said He was the bread of life. Even His closest disciples said, “This is a hard saying; who can listen to it?”
- E. But that was the point! Jesus made these shocking statements because He wanted the crowd to see that if they were just there for food, they were missing the point. JESUS DIDN’T WANT A CROWD THAT SAW HIM MERELY AS A PROVIDER; HE WANTED DISCIPLES WHO SAW HIM AS THE PROVISION. He was making people consider whether they really wanted God to break into their lives, even if it cost them. In other words, He was calling people to EVALUATE EVERYTHING BY FOCUSING ON THE ONLY THING, and those who weren’t willing to see Jesus as the only thing couldn’t accept it. They could embrace a Jesus who fed everyone but not a Jesus who challenged everyone.
- F. But a few people did accept what Jesus was saying. As people in the crowds left, Jesus went to His disciples and asked, “Do you want to go away as well?” And Simon Peter answered, “Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life, and we have believed, and have come to know, that you are the Holy One of God.” Simon Peter and the rest of the 12 had sold out everything for Jesus. He was their only option, and so they had no other place to go. They wanted Jesus to keep breaking into their lives, no matter what it cost. THEY HAD EVALUATED EVERYTHING AND DECIDED THAT HE WAS THE ONLY THING THEY COULD BUILD THEIR LIVES AROUND.

### IV. Application

#### A. *Optional Illustration: Vending Machine*

1. Vending machines are a way of life for us. When we go to a vending machine, we put in our money and get out the drink or snack we want. Vending machines are the ultimate in convenience and choice because they allow us to get what we want when we want it. But every once in a while, a vending machine doesn’t work. And when this happens, people go crazy! They beat on the machine, tip it to try to dislodge the product, and basically lose their minds in frustration and anger.
  - a) ***NOTE: If you have one, you can tell a personal story of a time when a vending machine didn’t give you what you wanted and how you reacted.***
2. Some of the people in the crowd viewed Jesus as a vending machine. They wanted Him to provide food when they wanted and how they wanted. They wanted to be able to request a miracle and get it. But Jesus is unwilling to be a vending machine. Instead, Jesus challenged the crowd to make Him a priority and view Him as the gift, not just the giver. As a result, the crowd became frustrated and angry at Jesus and left Him behind. Let’s talk about how Jesus extends the same challenge to us.

- B. Just as He did in this passage, Jesus calls us to evaluate everything by focusing on the only thing. He challenges us to make Him our first priority and to view Him as the ultimate gift. He challenges us to embrace the ways God breaks into our lives, no matter what it costs us. He wants to be our provision, not just the One who provides the things we want. Too often, we follow Jesus because we believe or expect or hope that He will give us all the things we wanted before we met Him. While Jesus loves giving His people good gifts, and while He encourages us to ask Him for what we need and even what we want, this is ultimately not what following Jesus is all about. Jesus doesn't just want to fulfill our desires; He wants our full devotion. As a result, there's a cost to following Jesus.
- C. Sometimes, this isn't what we want to hear. It would be far easier for us to have a vending machine God who gives us what we want but doesn't ask for anything from us. But this isn't how following Jesus works. Jesus wants faithful followers, not just recipients of His gifts. WE CAN'T HAVE THE WORK OF JESUS IN OUR LIVES WITHOUT LIVING OUT THE WAY OF JESUS.

### V. Gospel

- A. Now, you may be asking yourself, "what is the work of Jesus in my life?" Great question! We've been talking about how Jesus is our provision, not just our provider, and He showed us this in the way that He lived while He was on earth.
- B. See, when God created the universe, He created it perfectly and in perfect relationship with Him. We had a perfect relationship with God until Adam and Eve sinned (acted out of line with God's commands) way back in Genesis 3. Because of this, all humanity is sinful and separated from God. We all disobey His commands and rebel against Him, and the result of this sin is spiritual death.
- C. And we all see sin differently in our lives. Maybe you struggle with anger, lying, pride, lust, gossiping, jealousy, or something else. But we've all experienced the brokenness of this world that comes as a result of separation from God. Thankfully though, God doesn't want to leave us there. He desires a relationship with us no matter how bad we've messed up or how far away we think we are. And that's why He sent Jesus.
- D. Jesus came to live a perfect, sinless life. Something that none of us, or anyone else in the history of the world, could ever do. He performed miracles, preached good news to the oppressed, and told people about the coming Kingdom of God. However, people didn't like Jesus' messages or the things He said were true. So He was crucified and died an extremely painful death, but that was God's plan all along! Jesus was sent to die on the cross so that He could take the punishment for our sins! But Jesus didn't stay in the grave. Three days later, He rose from the grave and was resurrected back to life. When this happened, the power of sin and death was forever defeated. Because of Jesus' life, death, and resurrection, we can be reconnected with God and obtain eternal life.
- E. This is the greatest example of a Kairos moment. God thoroughly broke into our time and changed the course of our spiritual lives forever. All we have to do now is repent of

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(ask forgiveness for/turn away from) our sins (the things we do that go against God's will and commands) and believe that Jesus is truly the Savior we desperately need.

- F. This is the greatest news and the greatest gift we could ever receive! And this moment can be a Kairos moment for you if you do repent and believe. If you are willing to let God break into your life, forgive you of your sins, and give you eternal life in Jesus, then He will. All you have to do is ask Him to do it.

### VI. Conclusion

- A. As we continue in this series, we're going to learn how to let the way of Jesus break into our lives. But for this to happen, we have to be *willing*. We have to be willing to be challenged and changed by these Kairos moments. We have to embrace the ways God is breaking into our lives, no matter what it costs. This is what it means to evaluate everything by focusing on the only thing.
- B. As we do this, we will be greatly challenged, but we'll also discover what it means to follow Jesus as our Provision. As Mother Teresa once said, "We will never know that Jesus is all we need until Jesus is all we have." The fact that He is the bread of life is good news for us. He is the bread we come back to moment after moment after moment because this bread never spoils. It's always available whenever we're hungry. So we return to Jesus time after time, and as we do, we focus on the only thing.
- C. Every moment is an opportunity to observe where God is breaking into your life. The question is whether or not you will embrace how God breaks in. Now is the time to answer that question.
- D. Let's pray.

## **Kairos Sermon Series | Session 1 Discussion Questions: Time Out**

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#### **Get Them Talking | An Optional Opening Question To Get Students Talking**

1. If you owned your own vending machine, what would you put in it? How much would you charge for the items in it?

#### **Discussion Questions**

1. Read John 6:25-69. What does this teach you about God? What does it teach you about yourself?
2. When are you tempted to treat God like a vending machine? Why are you tempted to do that in those times?
3. What does it look like for you to make Jesus the only thing? What has to stop in your life for that to happen?
4. What do you think it means to choose God over your desires? Why do you think God wants us to do that?
5. Why can’t we have the work of Jesus without living the way of Jesus? Where are you tempted to not live the way of Jesus? Why do you think you’re tempted in that area?
6. What do you think Jesus meant when He said He was the bread of life? If you had to explain that to someone, what would you say?
7. Why is there a cost to following Jesus? What might following Jesus cost you? What might you have to give up in order to follow Him?
8. How can you embrace the ways God is trying to break into your life? How can you make Jesus a priority in your life?