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Mini Workshop

Be a Participant with Partners "Redeeming the time" May 2006

Time is one of God's very gracious and precious gifts to His people! Many attractions, individuals, and activities seek to allure a portion of our time. May God bless us as we seek to 'redeem the time' of service to Him and our neighbor.

Let the following exercise be the catalyst for the members of your diaconate to examine the opportunities and demands on its 'time'. As you together consider the many opportunities for ministry, may God bless your resolve to discern His purposes for your time.

- 1.** **Consider** and share a time when you enjoyed a regular space of time for Jesus in your day. Tell each other about some recurring obstacles to spending time with Him along with helpful ways which you discovered to overcome these hurdles. (10 min)
- 2.** Turn to the Partners issue and review the paragraphs titled 'Never enough time' and 'Procrastination: a time drain'. Divide into groups (if needed) so that all may **participate**. What challenges in time relates to your diaconal ministry experience? (10 min)
- 3.** Come back together as a large group (if applicable) and share a summary of your discussion. **Resolve** to use the meeting time as a springboard to lead and encourage the congregation to be involved in diaconal ministry. (10 min)

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