

# SHAPED BY THE TIMES

*“Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God’s mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship. Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God’s will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.” (Romans 12:1-2, NIV)*

*“Then God said, ‘Let lights appear in the sky to separate the day from the night. Let them be signs to mark the seasons, days, and years. Let these lights in the sky shine down on the earth.’ And that is what happened.” (Genesis 1:14-15, NLT)*

**1. WE MUST LEARN TO \_\_\_\_\_ (...the time for REVELATION)**

**Biblical Understanding of Time:**

\_\_\_\_\_ — Chronological: sequential, forward unfolding

\_\_\_\_\_ — Cyclical Fulfillment: momentous, appointed, opportune

**2. WE MUST LEARN TO \_\_\_\_\_ (...the time for REPENTANCE)**

**3. WE MUST LEARN TO \_\_\_\_\_ (...the time for REVIEW)**

*“They devoted themselves to the apostle’s teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. Everyone was filled with awe at the many wonders and signs performed by the apostles. All the believers were together and had everything in common. They sold property and possessions to give to anyone who had need. Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.” (Acts 2:42-47, NIV)*

**RE-TURNING to \_\_\_\_\_**

The Christian way of life in Acts 2 is established between the \_\_\_\_\_ and the \_\_\_\_\_



The TEMPLE: Vertical life of Jesus worship

The TABLE: Horizontal life of Jesus community

**4. WE MUST LEARN TO \_\_\_\_\_ (...the time for REFORM)**

**3 QUESTIONS:**

1. Am I being shaped more by the Word or the World? Am I actively engaging the times in faith and followership to Christ?

2. Is there an area in my life God wants me to leave behind? What is God asking me to turn from as I turn intentionally to Him?

3. Have I considered how I will follow Jesus by keeping the table set & keeping the Temple Sacred?