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Speaker: Tim McCardel Message Series: Owning Your Slice of Life Todays' Message: It's Not About You

<u>Acts 17:26, 27</u> "And He made from one man every nation of mankind to live on all the face of the earth, having <u>determined allotted periods</u> and the <u>boundaries</u> of their <u>dwelling place</u>, that they should <u>seek</u> <u>God</u>, ("if perhaps <u>they might grope for Him</u>" ~NASB), and perhaps <u>feel their way</u> toward Him and find Him. Yet He is actually <u>not far</u> from each of us."

It's Not About You

1. We Are ______ for Our Own Slice

Truth: God picked the <u>time</u> and <u>place</u> for a <u>specific</u> – for <u>each of us</u> - to <u>show</u> and <u>tell</u> <u>the gospel that Jesus has for everyone</u>!

Circle of Accountability: Our C.O.A. - We are given a <u>glorious opportunity</u> to ______ the eternal <u>destiny</u> of people right around us.

<u>Acts 1:8</u> "But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and <u>you will be my</u> <u>witnesses</u> in Jerusalem and in all Judea..."

2. Blowing A BIG Opportunity

<u>Matthew 11:20</u> "Then He (Jesus) began to denounce the cities in which <u>most of His miracles</u> were done, because <u>they did not repent</u>."

<u>Matthew 11:21</u> "Woe to you, Chorazin! Woe to you, Bethsaida! For <u>if the miracles</u> had occurred in Tyre and Sidon which occurred in you, they <u>would have repented long ago</u>..."

<u>Matthew 11:23</u> "And you Capernaum... if <u>the miracles had occurred in Sodom</u> which occurred in you, it would have remained to this day."

The Message: Because Bethsaida, Chorazin, and Capernaum ______ and didn't believe, they would <u>suffer even greater</u> than the <u>wicked cities</u> who didn't see Jesus.

Apply: <u>Our community</u>—full of churches and Bibles, will have ______ on Judgement Day.

<u>Ezekiel 16:49</u> "... <u>the guilt of</u>... <u>Sodom</u>... <u>arrogance</u>, <u>abundant food</u>... but <u>did not help the poor and</u> <u>needy</u>."

3. Jesus Changes Everything

<u>Matthew 11:28, 30</u> "<u>Come to Me</u>, all who labor and are heavy laden and I <u>will give you rest</u>. <u>Take my</u> <u>yoke upon you</u>, and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly, and <u>you will find</u> rest for your souls. For <u>My</u> <u>yoke is easy</u> and <u>My burden is light</u>."

Heavy Burdens:

- * <u>Sin</u>
- * Religious rules

* Oppression

* Weariness in the search for God

<u>Acts 16:10</u> "When he (Paul) had seen the vision, IMMEDIATELY we sought to go..."