

Armor of Light

Romans 13:11-14

Sermon Discussion Questions

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1. This week Pastor Tom started his message by pointing out our obsession with time. Take a moment and share how this is true in your own life. Talk about your schedule, how many clocks are in your home, what does your calendar look like on your phone?
2. In Romans 13:11-14, Paul is instructing believers on how they should spend their time. The summary would be two commands found in verse 12. Have someone read the verse and ask the group to share what they interpret that verse to mean.
3. Pastor Tom explained that the meaning for time in these verses, as used in the Greek, refers more to an event or significant happening than a chronological definition. Looking at it as such, how does it change the way we might read these verses?
4. Paul calls us to action by urging us to “wake from our slumber” (or as Pastor Tom explained, break out of our trance). He reminds us that time is short and valuable. Pastor Tom suggested that we must live with a sense of urgency. Take a moment and read Psalm 90:12 and James 4:14, reflect and share experiences in which opportunities may have passed you by. What are some things you don’t want to miss now?
5. Verse 13 explains the “darkness” we are called to leave/abandon. Verse 14 calls us to “clothe ourselves with the Lord, Jesus Christ.” Pastor Tom used a story to highlight how we put on the armor of light/clothe ourselves with Jesus Christ. Have someone in the group (or a couple of people) retell the example and discuss what “not giving weeds room to grow” looks like.
6. As you close, remind each other that all of us are faced with the same temptations and that we are not alone. All of us face the challenge of stripping away the darkness and clothing ourselves in the armor of light that is Jesus Christ. Take a moment and pray for and over each other and offer encouragement to one another as you close.