

DISCUSSION GUIDE

TIME FOR HOLINESS

Romans 13:11-14

Not Ashamed (Romans) — Week 38

ICEBREAKER: What lesson has failure taught you?

OVERVIEW: It is possible to know what time it is and not know what time it is at the same time. In other words, it is possible to know the date, hour, and minute, but to not understand the significance of the time you are in. In this discussion we will go deeper with the significance of this current time, and what we need to do to make the most of it.

1. What insight, principle, or observation from this weekend's message did you find to be the most helpful, eye-opening, or troubling? Explain. (Or what was your key takeaway from Sunday's message?)
2. What are some examples of people who know the time, but not the significance of the time?
3. Why is it important to know the significance of the time you are in?
4. What "time" is it for you at this stage/season of your life?
5. Read 2 Corinthians 7:1 and answer the following questions:
 - a. What "promises" is the writer (Paul) referring to? (See 2 Cor 6:16-18.)
 - b. How do God's promises serve as motivation for holy living?
 - c. What is the difference between impurities of the flesh and the spirit?
 - d. What is holiness, and what does it mean to bring holiness to completion?
 - e. How does the fear of God motivate us to holiness?

6. Read Romans 13:11-14 and refer to Sunday's sermon for the remainder of the questions. What does it mean that "the night is nearly over, and the day is near"? How is this a motivation for holiness?
7. What does it mean to "discard the deeds of darkness"? What examples of these deeds are given in this passage?
8. Are there any deeds of darkness in your own life that you need to discard to advance in holiness?
9. What does it mean to "put on the armor of light"?
10. In what specific ways do you need to "put on the armor of light" to grow in holiness?

The Last Word: "Let God have his will by being holy, and you shall have your will by being happy." Thomas Watson

