

SERMON DISCUSSION STARTERS

- ☀ **If you knew your time was limited (let's just say you had a year to live), how would it change your Christian life?** Write some probable changes below. Realize that the Bible tells us that we live in the last times (2Tim. 3:1; 1John 2:18; Heb. 1:2). In all reality, we may not even have a year. Let that motivate right living today.
- ☀ **Paul wants us to “wake up” from our spiritual slumber (Rom. 13:11).** Sleep is defined as “a state of inactivity with a loss of consciousness and a decrease in responsiveness to what’s really happening.” In the spiritual realm, have you been asleep in some ways? Talk to a godly friend or family member and tell them about some ways you have been decreasingly responsive to God or inactive in spiritual things. Ask them to pray with you about those areas of spiritual slumber, and commit to waking up.
- ☀ **Romans 13:11-12 talk about our salvation being near, the night being almost expired, and the day of the lord being at hand.** How can those truths encourage someone who is frustrated, disappointed, suffering, or struggling? How can those truths change the way you think about life at large? Read the following passages (1John 3:2; Isaiah 60:1-3; Gal. 1:4) and let them encourage you today.
- ☀ **Look up (1Thess. 5:7-8) and see if it helps you understand what the “armor of light” is in (Rom. 13:12).** Can you identify the three pieces of spiritual armor F_____, L_____, and H_____. In order to put on the armor of light, we have to cast off the clothes of sin and darkness. We will never fight against sin if we are clothed in it. What “works of darkness” do you need to cast off? Pray and ask the Lord to help you. You can’t change yourself; you need His help.
- ☀ **Take a look at the six sins of darkness listed in (Romans 13:13).** Are you guilty of practicing any of those YES / NO? If so, you need to repent of those sins and run from them. You need to put off the works of darkness and put on Christ.
- ☀ **Have you been making “provision” for some area of the flesh to gratify itself.** Maybe if you struggle with gluttony, you keep passing by the refrigerator. Maybe if you struggle with pornography, you keep surfing the web late at night alone. Maybe if you worry about the future of the US, you keep watching the news and listening to talk radio that offers no Christ-centered hope. Whatever it might be, are you making provision for the flesh in some area of your life YES / NO? If so, you need to flee from those fleshly desires (2Tim. 2:22; Gal. 5:24) and you need to put on Christ.

May the Lord apply his grace to your life as you seek to live right in light of the time, Pastor Lukas

