

## BIBLE DISCUSSION GROUP STUDY QUESTIONS

In preparation for Sunday, April 6, 2014

Passage: Romans 13:11-14

Memory Passage: Romans 13:14

### DAY 1 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

### READ THE PASSAGE

- (a) **Read Rom. 13:11-14.** To what does “this” refer in the phrase, “Besides this” (Greek is lit. translated as “And this”)?
- (b) To what does “the time” and “the hour” refer?
- (c) From what kind of “sleep” are we to wake, and why is waking from this sleep dictated by “the time” and “the hour?”
- (d) What does Paul mean by, “For salvation is nearer to us now than when we first believed,” and how does this inform v. 11a (notice that the phrase begins with “for”)?

### DAY 2 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

### READ THE PASSAGE

- (a) **Read Rom. 13:11-14, Eph. 4:20-24, 6:10-17, & Col. 3:1-14.** To what do “night” and “day” refer (13:12) and is “the day” “at hand” in the same way for you today in the 21<sup>st</sup> century as it was for Paul in the 1<sup>st</sup> century? Explain your answer.
- (b) Write down all that you learn from studying the “put off/put on” passages in Ephesians & Colossians.

### DAY 3 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

### READ THE PASSAGE

- (a) **Read Rom. 13:11-14.** What are the “works of darkness” and “armor (lit. “weapons”) of light” to which Paul refers?
- (b) Does Paul’s use of “daytime” (v. 13) refer to the same thing as “day” in v. 12? Explain your answer.
- (c) What does it mean to “walk properly,” and why are the 3 pairs of actions Paul lists in v. 13 contrary to this?
- (d) According to v. 14, how, exactly, do believer’s “walk properly as in the daytime?”

### DAY 4 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

### READ THE PASSAGE

- (a) **Read Romans 13:11-14 & Gal. 5:13-26.** Why does Paul mention “quarreling and jealousy” in the same list as “orgies (lit. “carousing”) and drunkenness” and “sexual immorality and sensuality?”
- (b) Write down what you learn in Gal. 5:13-26 about walking in the Spirit and not gratifying the flesh.
- (c) What connections do you find between Gal. 5:13-26 & Romans 13:11-14?

### DAY 5 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

### READ THE PASSAGE

- (a) **Read Romans 13:11-14.** Write down any and all “works of darkness” that you struggle to cast off. Be honest with yourself, and remember that Paul does not only deal with very visible sins like drunkenness and sexual immorality, but with relational sins such as quarreling and jealousy. Make your list complete so you can reap the joy of being sanctified as you apply what you have learned this week.
- (b) Review your answers to Day 2 (b) and Day 4 (b) and write down at least 4 principles of application for applying these truths. For instance, from Galatians 5:24-25 you might derive this application: “Since I belong to Christ Jesus and I have been freed from the tyranny of the passions and desires of my flesh, I will not be overcome by the enticement of sin but instead I will walk by the Spirit and crucify the fleshly desire to find my satisfaction in sin rather than walking by the Spirit.”
- (c) Now take time to describe how you will actively apply these 4 principles to the specific struggles you listed in (a) above. Be concrete & specific, and keep notes throughout the week of how you were able to “make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires,” as well as any blessings you received.

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*Put on the Lord Jesus Christ*

*In Romans 13:11-14 Paul presents a 2-point exhortation admonishing us to live a life that is proper for our status as saints.*