

Session



Personal Study Guide

Night is Coming

August 4, 2019

Introduction

- ? What is one regularly occurring task that you often put off instead of doing immediately? What is it about that task that makes you procrastinate?

- ? In general, what are some reasons people might give for putting things off until tomorrow?

- ? How is time management a spiritual issue? How does both a lack of urgency and a hesitancy to change impact your relationship with God? How does it impact your ability to live out God's mission?

1. Don't Miss People (John 9:1-2)


- ? Why did the disciples assume the man's blindness was the result of some sin on his parents' part?

- ? What do you notice about the disciples' interaction with the blind man? What was lacking in their interaction?


- ? Has there been a time that you were hesitant to minister or interact with someone that you felt led to care for? Were you obedient to meet them, or did you pass them by? Why? What did God teach you through that experience?


2. Our suffering isn't wasted (John 9:3)


- ? What is your response to Jesus' statement about the man? What does this tell us about God's character?


 How do Jesus' words in verse 3 affect your perception of your own suffering? Where are you currently facing the reality of suffering in the world? How does this verse speak into that reality?

3. Night is Coming (John 9:4)


 What are the "works" that God wants us to accomplish before the night comes?


 What was Jesus referring to when He says, "night is coming" (v. 4)? Read verse 5 to help you answer.


 What do these verses teach us about time and our management of it?

 Do you live as though Jesus truly is the Light of the world or is He just good news in times of need? How has this impacted your sense of urgency to have gospel conversations with those around you?

Conclusion

 How are you encouraged by this passage when it comes to suffering? challenged?

 Do you feel a sense of urgency to share your faith with those who don't know Jesus? If not, what do you think has contributed to that? How are you challenged to step out more?

 How might your use and view of time need to change in light of this passage?

Daily Readings

- Monday - James 1:5
- Tuesday - Proverbs 1:7
- Wednesday - Colossians 3:16
- Thursday - 1 Corinthians 1:26-30
- Friday - Colossians 2:6-8
- Saturday - Proverbs 2:6