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Week of June 4, 2023

Live Like There's No Tomorrow

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Discussion Questions - Week #7

LIFEGROUPS

QUICK REVIEW

Thinking back to the weekend sermon, "Live Like There's No Tomorrow," summarize the main point in a sentence or two.

Looking at your notes, was there anything you heard for the first time or that caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?

Do you plan on taking any practical steps this week in response to the message?

GETTING STARTED

▶ Martin Luther was once asked what he would do if the world were to end tomorrow. Luther responded, "I would plant an apple tree today." What would you do if you knew the world would end soon?

▶ Pastor Rick shared that in these last days, we ought to pray diligently, love deeply, and serve wisely. Which area do you feel you have the most significant room for growth?

DIGGING DEEPER

1. Read 2 Timothy 3:1-16. In this passage, Paul tells Timothy what things will be like in the last days. Based on Paul's words, do you think the time is drawing near? Why or why not?

Do you think you are prone to focus too little or too much on the end?

What does Paul suggest should mark our lives in these times?

What point do you think Paul was trying to make by describing his own suffering in this section?

How does God's word equip us for the end?

2. We heard this weekend that one of the key action points for end times living is to love each other deeply (1 Peter 4:8). What do the following verse tell us about this kind of love in action: Rom. 12:9-10; 1 Cor. 16:13-14; Heb. 6:10-12?

In Romans 12:9, Paul tells us that love must be sincere. How is sincere love different than loving insincerely?

How does the author of Hebrews claim we are to show love toward God?

How can we do everything in love (1 Cor 16:14) if and when we're not feeling particularly loving?

Which of the statements about love is most important for you to keep before you this week?

FOR PRACTICE

One of the essential habits we must pursue in the last days is to pray diligently. Of course, that includes petitionary prayer, but prayer is much more than giving God our grocery list. In the book Sacred Rhythms, Ruth Haley Barton suggests, "Prayer means letting God's creative love touch the most hidden places of our being and prayer means listening with attentive, undivided hearts to the inner movement of the Spirit of Jesus." Did you catch that? Prayer means creating space to listen to God's voice. If anything will sustain us in challenging times, it's His voice. Consider setting aside time this week to practice listening prayer and allow God to participate in the conversation.

SHARE IT

Is there anything you heard or learned in the weekend message or Life Group this week that you want to share with someone you know?

PRAYER REQUESTS

Pray for the unchurched and de-churched in our community. Pray that God would open their hearts to Him and break down the walls that prevent them from being a part of the body of Christ. Ask God to bring spiritual revival to our city as He's done before.