Small Group Discussion Guide

VOL 4: Part 29: The Debt of Love and the Urgency of Holiness

BIG Idea: Because Christ is near, we must live in love and holiness with urgency.

Application: Wake up, put on Christ, and live in such a way that your love and holiness reflect the urgency of His coming.

Discussion Questions

Icebreaker: What's the smallest or strangest debt you've ever owed (money, a favor, even something silly)? How did it feel until you "paid it back"?

- 1. Paul says we have a "continuing debt to love one another." What does that mean in your everyday relationships?
- 2. How does loving your neighbor fulfill God's law (Romans 13:8–10)? Can you share a practical example?
- 3. What are ways Christians sometimes "hit snooze" spiritually? Where are you most tempted to fall asleep?
- 4. How did the recent failed rapture prediction illustrate why Paul tells us to "wake up" rather than speculate on dates (Romans 13:11–12; Matthew 24:36)?
- 5. What does "our salvation is nearer now than when we first believed" mean to you personally?
- 6. Paul tells us to cast off "deeds of darkness." Which of these temptations are most common in our culture?
- 7. How does "clothing yourself with Christ" (Romans 13:14; Colossians 3:12–14) practically look in your speech, habits, or routines?
- 8. Why is holiness not just about personal purity, but also about loving others well (Romans 13:10; 1 Corinthians 6:18)?
- 9. Where do you sense God calling you to urgency in your life right now in love, in holiness, in readiness for His return?
- 10. How can we encourage one another to live awake, alert, and dressed for the day in our LifeGroup and church family?

Prayer Prompt: Pray for renewed urgency in loving one another, living holy lives, and being ready for Christ's return. Ask the Spirit to reveal specific "night clothes" to cast off and for the grace to put on Christ daily.

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