

LIFEGROUP NOTES: ROMANS 13:11-14

As ever, please use (or discard!) these ideas as is most suitable for your group. Don't feel you have to use everything.

Introduction:

1. What things make you spiritually sleepy?

Read Ro 13:11-14 and discuss:

2. See v.11. What does Paul want us to understand about the present time? What does it mean to say "our salvation is nearer now than when we first believed"?
3. Why should the approach of "full salvation" (when Christ returns) inspire us to "wake up from our slumber" (v.11)? Does it, in fact, inspire you in this way? Why, or why not?
4. See vv.12-13: Why does Paul refer to these things as "deeds of darkness?" What parts of your life would you like to hide from God?
5. What "deeds of darkness" are calling you to embrace them during the Christmas season (they may be different from the examples Paul gives)? How can we help one another to "put them aside"?
6. "Put on the armour of light" (v.12) ... "clothe yourselves with the Lord Jesus Christ" (v.14). How do we do this? And how does being clothed with Christ protect us against the appeal of the deeds of darkness?
7. What would it mean for you to "not think about how to gratify the desires of the flesh" (v.14)?
8. In the light of this study, and since your salvation is nearer now than when you first believed, what practical steps will you take to "wake up" (v.11) and "get dressed" (vv.12, 14)?

In Conclusion

- Pray about your response to God's word.

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