



Leader

4/27 - Romans 13:11-14 [Return]

LOVE

A new commandment I give to you, that you love *one another*... (John 13:34)

- *Internal*: How was your week...anything new? How was your walk with the Lord this week?
- *External*: Is there any individual or family who is struggling or needs encouragement from us?

TRUTH

Let the word of God dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing *one another*... (Col. 3:16)

1. When you reflect on the message from Sunday, what most resonated with you?
[Dialogue]
2. Let's read our primary text, Paul begins by giving us a sense of urgency. What type of urgency is he presenting? What does it mean for us to "wake from our sleep"?
He is urging believers to be a people of action. Primarily, we must align our lives with the things God has prescribed for us in His word, but to also have a sense of urgency for other fellow image bearers. "Waking from our sleep" is to wake from our slumbering state of apathy towards God, away from moral carelessness.
3. The beauty of the Bible is that surrounding verses/chapters help us gain greater clarity on the author's intent. How does Paul further define this "awakening from sleep" in verses 12-14?
He further clarifies that our waking comes in the form of casting off the works of darkness and putting on the armor of light and then provides a short list of common offences that his audience may have been engaged in.
4. Read Colossians chapter 3. Paul also authored this book. What parallels do you see here?
[Dialogue] - Examples; set your mind, put off, put on.
5. How in your own life are you currently seeking to make "no provision for the flesh"? Do you have any "caution tape" in your life? Do you have any guardrails for your weakest, most sinful proclivities? [Speak generally here]
[Dialogue] - EVERY Christian should be a student of their sin and actively waging war against it, applying the gospel to their lives daily (Confession, repentance, faith, restoration). Famous theologian John Owens famously says, "Be killing sin, or sin will be killing you." Are you?
6. In your own words, and in light of these passages, what does it mean to put on Christ?
To be a disciple of Jesus. To follow, walk and think like He did, asking the Holy Spirit to cultivate the mind and heart of Jesus every day. This is a daily renewal, becoming more and more like Christ and His Character, for His glory and our ultimate satisfaction.
7. Revelations 1:7 says, "Behold, he is coming with clouds, and every eye will see him, even those who pierced him and all tribes of the earth will wail on account of him. Even so. Amen." How does this passage resonate with you?
[Dialogue]

8. Any other thoughts you would like to share before we wrap up this text?

[Dialogue]

GREAT COMMISSION

Go therefore and make disciples of all nations... (Matt. 28:19-20)

- Did you disciple your family well this week? Is it apparent to others that Jesus the reason for your hope in your daily activity? Would anyone like to share the gospel with the group?

CONFESSION/PRAYER/REPENTANCE

But exhort *one another* every day, as long as it is called "today," ... (Heb. 3:12-14)

- Confession is agreeing with God about our sin according to the Scriptures. Is there anything you want to confess before the group? [*apathy, idolatry, selfishness, jealousy, anger, envy*]
- Let's pray, asking God to help us apply His word to our lives.

Sources:

- ESV Study Bible Commentary
- John MacArthur Commentary - Romans