



THE CAMPUS CHURCH
LOVE AND SERVE GOD AND PEOPLE

The Time is Now

Small Group Resource

Week 1

1. Read the passage, 1 Peter 4:7-11 together. Is there anything that really jumps out at you? Share your immediate impressions.
2. What's your favourite "end of the world" movie? What do those movies have in common?
3. When you hear about the "end of the world" from one source or another, what immediately comes to mind?
4. What do you think of people who try to "sound the alarm" or "wake up" the church about the end times? In your opinion is the North American, or even the Worldwide Church "awake"? Why or why not? And if not, what do we do about it?
5. In the Sunday teaching there was a reference to the urgency at the end of a sports game or when the season is on the line - What would it look like to "play with urgency" when it comes to our faith?
6. In the teaching it was clarified how the end times are the period of time from when Jesus was here with us on earth, to when he comes again. How does that definition change our understanding of passages like 1 Peter 4:7-11, 1 Peter 1:20, Acts 2:16-17, and Hebrews 1:1-2?
7. Interact with this quote from John Piper: *"This is the way I would talk about the coming of the Lord today. It is just around the corner. The end is near indeed. If anyone dallies with sin and the world, thinking, "I have lots of time," he plays the fool. The Judge is at the door. And the time remaining should be spent in earnest prayer that we not be made drunk and hard by the cares and pleasures of this world."*

8. Read and reflect upon these passages: 2 Peter 3 and 2 Timothy 3.
9. As you watched or reflected upon Queen Elizabeth's funeral proceedings, what impacted you about the importance of or special nature of Royalty?
10. When you hear the phrase "The King is coming", what images come to your mind?
11. What are ways that we can live our lives with Jesus Christ as our central focus? Is there an area of our lives, or a relationship that we have, where our focus might be off and we need to revisit it?
12. Spend some time praying together. Specifically ask God to impact our whole church with the truth in 1 Peter 4:7-11.