



## SDG Discussion Guide

### "The Day is Near"

Romans 13:11-14

April 2, 2017

#### Opener:

Who has Jesus been to you as of late? Counselor? Friend? Redeemer? Bread of life? Shepherd? Way Truth Life? Teacher? Advocate? Bright Morning Star? Emmanuel? How so?

*Group Interaction: [The following content is meant to supplement the sermon, to offer further points of interaction with the sermon text. Also, feel free to ask your own questions to facilitate your own discussion regarding the sermon or text.]*

1. How does Paul's urgency in verse 11 influence your perspective on life?
2. How does one obtain the "clothing" in verse 14?
3. How would you draw from this section to explain "holiness"?
4. In the passage Paul uses several vivid images to describe "the present time." How does each one give us a picture of how we are to live? See also 1 Thess 5:1-11 and Eph 5:8-18.
5. How can you or your small group be a blessing to your communities or areas around you? Put another way, if you or your church disappeared tonight, would the surrounding communities or areas notice?
6. What does it look like for you in your life's circumstances to "wear" or "put on" Jesus Christ? See Gal 3:27.
7. What would change in your day today if you imagined that Jesus was right before you, and you "clothed yourself with Christ"?

Spend some time in prayer, adoring God for who he is as a loving Father there with you now. Take ease in your communion in prayer, knowing the Holy Spirit intercedes on your behalf for you to pray. But don't hold back on your prayer; pray what's on your heart to confess or gives thanks. Then pause, listen and take in God's presence and reassurance after you have offered those prayers to him. Pray for your needs and the needs of others -- that his will be done.