



Talking through the weekly message helps you turn information into application. These talking points, questions, and scriptures are designed to help you make the next move.

**City Group Icebreaker:** *Questions to Get You Talking*

- Have you ever been awakened from a sound sleep? What was it like and how did it make you feel?

**Key Scriptures:** <sup>11</sup> *And do this, understanding the present time. The hour has come for you to wake up from your slumber, because our salvation is nearer now than when we first believed.* <sup>12</sup> *The night is nearly over; the day is almost here. So let us put aside the deeds of darkness and put on the armor of light.* <sup>13</sup> *Let us behave decently, as in the daytime, not in orgies and drunkenness, not in sexual immorality and debauchery, not in dissension and jealousy.* <sup>14</sup> *Rather, clothe yourselves with the Lord Jesus Christ, and do not think about how to gratify the desires of the sinful nature.* **Romans 13:11–14**

**MTG Scriptures:** Read **Romans 13** in its entirety.

**Big Idea of the Message:** Our time of waiting is not wasted but is an important part of God's plan.

**Message Study:** The Essential Questions

- What is one thing that stood out to you from this week's message?
- Have you ever thought about Advent as a time of anticipating not just the incarnation, but the second coming of Christ? How does that change this season?
- Why do you think light is such a significant image in the Bible?
- What are some ways that God uses our waiting, instead of wasting it?
- What's one thing you will do this week as a result of something you learned from this message?

**Move Up.** Connect to Christ

- Are you waiting expectantly for Christ? What does that look like and how does that impact your love for God?

**Start Praying.** *Lord, deepen my love of You. Help me to love you more than all things.*

**Move Out.** Connect to Culture.

- These are Paul's instructions for us in our current time of waiting: "put on the armor of light" (v. 12), "behave decently" (v. 13), and "clothe" ourselves with Jesus (v. 14). How does these instructions influence how you love others?

**Start Praying.** *Lord Jesus, I want to join You in better loving my neighbors. Teach me, to see others as you would see them. I ask also for your forgiveness. I have failed to show grace to our neighbor. Help me to refine these gifts you have given us, love others as self.*

**Move In.** Connect Culture to Christ.

- What does it look like for us to partner with God in his redemptive project on earth right here and now, in our time of waiting?

**Start Praying.** *Lord Jesus, I want to join You in your mission. Send me, as an ambassador to share Your good news with \_\_\_\_\_. Help me use truth as a light to guide me, and grace as a hand to hold the weary. Help me to be your disciple.*

**Application Point:** Our time of waiting should prompt us to partner with God in his redemption of this world.