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GROUPS

ROUSE TO REALITY, part 4

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OPENING PRAYER

KEY TAKEAWAYS

1. Scripture is emphatic it's high time for the church to wake up and be alert to the reality of Christ's imminent return and who we are in Christ Jesus.
2. Every believer has a unique divine purpose that only they can fulfill.
3. Our battle is not with the world, but in the spiritual realm through prayer and sharing the gospel.
4. Understanding and resting in our salvation is crucial for spiritual growth.
5. Being filled with the Holy Spirit is transformative for understanding Scripture and living out our faith.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. In Romans 13:11 (AMP Classic) believers are told "you know what [a critical] hour this is, how it is high time now for you to wake up out of your sleep (rouse to reality). For salvation (final deliverance) is nearer to us now than when we first believed." In what areas of your spiritual life do you feel you may need to "wake up"?
2. How does the reality of the imminent return of the Lord Jesus for His church impact your daily life and priorities?
3. The sermon emphasizes running from "the things of this world." What are some worldly influences you struggle with, and how can you practically distance yourself from them?
4. Discuss the concept of being "thoroughly saturated with the world." How can we recognize and counter this in our lives?
5. The speaker talks about the importance of knowing your salvation. How secure do you feel in your salvation, and why?
6. What has been your experience with the Holy Spirit? If you've been filled with the Holy Spirit, how has it impacted your faith walk?
7. The sermon mentions consecration and dedication to God. Have you had an experience of fully dedicating yourself to God? If so, what was that like?
8. How can we as a group encourage and "stir up" one another in our faith, as mentioned in Colossians 3:16?

CALL TO ACTION

1. Take time this week to evaluate your priorities. Are they aligned with God's will for your life?
2. Practice sharing your testimony with a fellow group member, focusing on what God has done in your life.
3. Set aside dedicated time each day to pray for spiritual awakening in your life and in the church.
4. If you haven't been filled with the Holy Spirit, seek out a mature believer or pastor to pray with you for this experience.
5. Identify one "worldly" influence in your life and make a plan to reduce its impact.
6. Memorize Romans 12:1-2 as a reminder of dedicating ourselves to God.
7. Reach out to encourage another believer this week, sharing how God has been working in your life.

CLOSING PRAYER

Encourage group members to continue reflecting on the sermon throughout the week and to come prepared to share any insights or experiences at the next meeting.