

Today Is the Day Small Group Guide

Warm-up Question: (Choose one, make up your own, or skip this part all together, depending upon the nature of your group.)

1. What is one of your favorite games?
2. What is one subject you would like to learn more about?

Read the following passage: Luke 12:54-59.

In this passage Jesus is communicating the urgency of being reconciled to God. Our situation is like a man threatened with the possibility of being thrown into a debtor's prison. This was a terrible fate in the first century. An individual facing such a possibility should do everything in his power to be reconciled to his adversary before it is too late. We, too, need to settle accounts with God. Our sin threatens us with eternal consequences, but God is ready and willing to reconcile with us if we will turn to him.

Questions for Discussion (Choose several that are relevant for your group):

1. Do you ever find yourself living under the influence of the twin powers of procrastination and the tyranny of the urgent? Explain. What helps you function according to what is truly most important?
2. Has a crisis or personal pain ever prompted you to make an important decision or initiate change in your life? Explain. What can we do to benefit from crises or pain when they come?
3. Read Matthew 5:23-24. How does this illustration emphasize the importance of being reconciled with others? What should we do when reconciliation proves to be difficult? What should we do when our broken relationship involves a dangerous or toxic person?
4. Read Romans 5:1-11. Jesus often emphasizes the importance of being reconciled to God. Before such reconciliation takes place, in what sense are we God's enemies (as Paul puts it in Romans 5:10)? Explain what God has done and what we need to do in order to be reconciled to God. How do we know when we've been reconciled to God?
5. What do you feel most needs attention in your life right now? Explain.

Pray