WOODVALE
PENTECOSTAL CHURCH

Connect Group Sermon Aligned Discussion Guide.

Series Title: THE TIME IS NOW.
Key Scripture: Romans 13:11 - 14
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The Big Idea:
The time we are living in requires Spiritual Alertness. The time is **NOW** to awaken from complacency, reject sinful patterns, and intentionally clothe ourselves with Christ.

Starter:
Are you someone who wakes up right away or do you need multiple alarms to get moving?

Discussion:
1. Read Romans 13:11–14. What words or phrases stand out to you?
2. Who was the text written to (Christians or Unbelievers) and why?
3. In verses 11–12, Paul uses imagery of night, day, sleep, and waking up. What do you observe about the contrast he's making?
4. In verse 11, what do you think Paul meant 'our salvation is nearer now than we first believed'?

Diving Deeper:
1. What do you think "waking up from your slumber" means? What might spiritual "sleep" look like today?

2. Why do you think emphasis was placed on putting aside certain behaviors before talking about putting on something new?

3. Verse 13 talks about “behaving decently, as in the daytime.” How does the thought of ‘daytime/light influence how we approach everyday choices?

4. In verse 12, the phrase “The night is nearly over; the day is almost here.”, sounds very urgent. How should this sense of urgency influence our priorities, habits, or relationships right now?

5. Practically, what would it mean to “clothe yourselves with the Lord Jesus Christ”? How would it be different from simply trying harder to behave well?

6. Paul ends by saying, “do not think about how to gratify the desires of the flesh.” Why do you think our thinking matters so much in spiritual growth?

Reflection:
Is there any area of your life where God may be calling you to wake up, put something off, or intentionally put on Christ in this season? Ask the Holy Spirit to show you one specific step you can take this week and to give you the strength to act on it.