



2 Timothy 1:6-14 and 1 Peter 4:7-11

Time for Action

NB. For this study you may consider *listening to Sunday's talk over again*. You could either urge people to listen to the talk online before they get to the group, or you might suggest listening to the talk again together at the beginning of your meeting. Either way, please also take the time to read together 2 Timothy 1:6-14 and 1 Peter 4:7-11 before you listen to the talk or get into the study. And make sure you allow time to pray at the end.

These passages confront God's people with the importance of knowing what matters matter most. There is never enough time for everything and God has made it this way so that we're required to discover his priorities and live them out. Christians are called to display God's priorities in our words and actions. We are called to live holy lives, clearly shaped by God rather than the world. We are urged to make decisions in the light of eternity, not simply for the moment.

Our move to Charles Weston School in Coombs is an appropriate time to consider some changes. In this study we want to hit 'pause', consider the shape and direction of our lives, and plan to make adjustments and changes in line with God's purposes.

Discuss together what you see as the main opportunities in moving to the new location.

What gifts/resources/talents/opportunities do you think God might be calling you to fan into flame or 'get fired up' about? And why?

What do you see as some of the challenges in working well together as we make changes as a church? What steps can we take to grow together in unity rather than grumbling or complaining?

What opportunities do you see for yourself *and* for Stromlo Church to grow in our capacity for hospitality? Be practical and specific.

Why do you think God calls us to be devoted to prayer as a first response to the urgency of the times?

What sort of thinking, habits, or behaviour gets in the way of you praying regularly?

Share with one another ideas and approaches that have enabled you to make more of a priority of prayer in your life.

A 'famous Christian' once said, "The last part of a person to get converted is their wallet." Why do you think we resist God's call to give generously? (See also 2 Corinthians 9:6-7)

Spend time praying together about what you have learned, discussed, and decided.