

Week 1: People of the Dawn

Scripture: Romans 13:8-14



Advent is the season of the dawn, where we live in the space between the _____ of a world without Christ and the _____ of a world with Christ.

We are _____ people, living in the glow of the dawn.

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. Let us behave decently, as in the daytime.

Romans 7:12-13

We need to understand the importance of the _____ time.

- It is _____ for the people of Christ.
- Because of Christ and the power of the Holy Spirit, those who follow Christ are to _____ as though Christ has _____.

Since we are the people of the light, we are called to _____ as people of the light.

- The people of Christ are called, _____, and should live as though the light already _____ the world.

We are people of the _____.

Start talking.

- What does a sunrise make you feel?
- Talk about the difference between a sunrise and a sunset?
- Do you feel more comfortable in dress clothes, loungewear, PJs or grubby clothes?

Start thinking.

- How does the law help us know what it means to love?
- How does that differ from popular notions of love?
- What do you think is meant by this light and darkness theme in vv 12-14?
- What does the “clothing” in v14 mean to you?
- How would you use this section to explain holiness?

Start sharing.

- Share about a time when you experienced an awakening that you weren't expecting.
- How would your life be different if you consciously tried to “wear” Jesus Christ?
- What must change in your life to insure a better fit?

Start praying. Be bold and pray with power.

God, the world is often dark and lonely, and many try to hide within the darkness lives that are hurting and that hurt others. Help me, help your church, to bear your light that we would truly be people of the dawn pointing others to You. Reveal Yourself to us this week as we seek out and live out Your good news for the world.

Start doing. Commit to a step and live it out this week.

- Pray daily for God to reveal Himself to you and one other person you choose to pray for.
- Start living as light within a world that is dark and allow God to use you to show others God's love.