

# Small Group Discussion Guide

*Living With a Sense of Urgency: For the week of August 7 - 13, 2022*

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## Main Thought & Scriptures:

*(Break into groups of 3-5 to discuss. 50 minutes)*

From recent and developing global and local events to esteemed prophetic voices, there is a clear directive from God for the church to live with a sense of urgency. As we head out of a global pandemic, face the threat of a recession, and see the evident signs of corruption and greed throughout different sectors of society, we recognize the stage has been set for God to move. Remember, God is sovereign, but what will be our response?

- **Respond with recognizing that God is our source through a life filled with prayer and repentance**

*"...if my people who are called by my name humble themselves, and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways..." (2 Chronicles 7:14 ESV)*

*"First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people, <sup>2</sup>for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way. <sup>3</sup>This is good, and it is pleasing in the sight of God our Savior, <sup>4</sup>who desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth." (1 Timothy 2:1-4 ESV)*

- **Believe that God is merciful and wants to heal our county.**

*"...then I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and heal their land." (2 Chronicles 7:14 ESV)*

*"I was deeply burdened for our country... over the ongoing polarization and division, and I was praying for a solution. Jesus began to speak to me, and this was the essence of what He said: '...none of this took My Father and I by surprise... Only Americans could destroy America, and that is what has happened.' ...Jesus stopped and looked up into Heaven. He began to pray: 'Please, Father, one more time, one more time, one more time...' Then, I realized He was asking His Father to send another revival from Heaven. His petitions seemed to go on endlessly, yet He never lost His passion. Finally, the Father spoke from Heaven: 'Okay; one last time.' ...Then Jesus spoke to me again, and said: 'Tell My Church to create cisterns (spiritual water storage systems) to trap the first drops of revival rain.' These words left me with an unusual sense of urgency. I realized we had to create fresh space in our churches for the Holy Spirit to move and touch lives... As this vision was coming to an end, the Holy Spirit spoke these words to me repeatedly: 'It's not business as usual; it's not business as usual; it's not business as usual.'"*

*- Prophetic Word from Pastor Jim Laffoon, June 9, 2022*

- **We must be willing to act. God works through His people.**

*“Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might. <sup>11</sup>Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil. <sup>12</sup>For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. <sup>13</sup>Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand firm.” (Ephesians 6:10-13 ESV)*

### **Discussion Questions:**

- Share what God is speaking to you most from the main thought & scriptures.
- What are some action steps God is prompting you to personally take in response to the prophetic frame and season we are entering? (Below are some practical steps to consider):
  1. Don't just talk about what's happening that is wrong; talk to God to fix what's wrong in us and in those around us.
  2. Be in church and be the church: small groups, services, serving, devotional life in prayer and the Word. Stay focused!
  3. Reach out to those who don't know Jesus: invite them into our lives, groups, and services.
  4. Vote prayerfully and vote biblically. (See our website for interviews with the candidates for Governor)

### **Prayer:**

*(Partner up and pray with one another. 10 minutes)*

- Pray for one another to embrace the moment with prayer, faith and action. For change to happen in society, change must first start from the inside of the church and inside our hearts.
- Pray for the salvation of those God has called us to love and minister to.

### **Tuesday, August 9 Prayer Night:**

For details and prayer points, open up the Pearlside App or scan the QR code.

