

Small Group Discussion Guide

The Time Has Come: For the week of August 21 - 27, 2022

Main Thought and Scriptures:

We all need to be faithful to the Lord in our generation. Simultaneously, we must prepare the next generation so that they too can be faithful to Him, fulfilling His purpose for their lives. God was always concerned with the continual transfer of the faith from one generation to the next. The psalmist reminds us:

“My people, hear my teaching; listen to the words of my mouth. ²I will open my mouth with a parable; I will utter hidden things, things from of old— ³things we have heard and known, things our ancestors have told us. ⁴We will not hide them from their descendants; we will tell the next generation the praiseworthy deeds of the Lord, his power, and the wonders he has done. ⁵He decreed statutes for Jacob and established the law in Israel, which he commanded our ancestors to teach their children, ⁶so the next generation would know them, even the children yet to be born, and they in turn would tell their children. ⁷Then they would put their trust in God and would not forget his deeds but would keep his commands.” (Psalm 78:1-7 NIV)

From this, we glean three insights:

1. Each of us must be faithful to the Lord and lead our generation.

“I will open my mouth with a parable; I will utter hidden things, things from old...” (v. 2)

2. We must be intentional in teaching God’s truth to future generations.

“...we will tell the next generation of the praiseworthy deeds of the Lord, his power, and the wonders he has done.” (v. 4)

3. The transfer of the gospel must take place for each succeeding generation.

“...so the next generation would know them, even the children yet to be born, and they in turn would tell their children.” (v. 6)

Discussion Questions:

- As you reflect on the main thought and scriptures above, what is the Lord highlighting to you and why? Explain.
- How is God calling you to transfer faith to the next generation? Who has God placed in your life, and what practical steps can you take to teach God’s truth to them? What challenges do you face in doing so?

Prayer:

- Pray for this new season in the life of Pearlside Church that we will continue to pass the gospel on to this and future generations.
- Pray for one “next generation” person in your life to whom you can pass the gospel. Pray for open doors and opportunities to do so.