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No Greater Time
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Luke 10:1-3

The Urgency is Now

2 Cor 6:1-2 Isa 49:8

The Urgency Demands Prayer

2Th 3:1 2Co 4:4

The Urgency starts with Me

Matt 28:19 Rom 10:14

The Urgency Struggles in Battle

2 Cor 4:4 Eph 6:12 Matthew 13:19

The Urgency of Evangelism

The word "urgent" comes from an old Latin word meaning "to urge". It means that an event is occurring that is so compelling it requires immediate attention. To hesitate is to be lost.

What things in life do you feel most urgent about right now? What things on your radar are screaming for your immediate attention?

We live in a society that desperately needs to know the truth of the gospel.

What are some issues that you see in the culture that speak to the urgent need of the Gospel message?

Do you actually have a sense of urgency in regards to these cultural trends? Why or why not?

Read Rev. 22:12-13, 20, II Peter 3:8-10

What thoughts come to mind when you think of Christ's return? What is your attitude about it?

How would your attitude be different if you were born in another country, or if you were a Chinese Christian in prison?

How should the fact of Christ's imminent return dictate our sense of urgency to share the Gospel?

One of the points in today's sermon aligned prayer with our motivation to share the Good News. Prayer is essential in the life of a Christian. Without it, our witness will be far less effective, and we will be far more vulnerable to the enemy. When you witness, you need the blessing and support of the Lord. You need to be in fellowship with Him. Prayer makes this all possible.

Read 1 Timothy 2:1-3

What do you suppose Paul had in mind when he told Timothy to pray?

What kinds of prayers do you think the first century Church would have been praying as they became aware of Paul's letter to Timothy and this passage?

What keeps us from interceding for the lost?

Read 1 Corinthians 3:6-7 and Philippians 4:6

In light of these verses, how does prayer help us as share our faith with others?

Death has not changed. There is still a 100 percent death rate for every generation.

The Bible says, "It is appointed for men to die once, but after this the judgement" Hebrews 9:27.

The urgency of salvation hasn't changed. This is what the apostle Paul shared with Governor Felix in Acts 24. "Now as (Paul) reasoned...Felix was afraid and answered, "Go away for now; when I have a convenient time, I will call for you" (vs 25). But as far as we know, Felix never called.

Timothy Dwight, once said, "To procrastinate the business of salvation is the real madness...Procrastination is the thief which steals away not only our time, but our hopes, our souls, our all...Today is the day of salvation".

In the light of the message today, will this compel you to seek God's leading in the one you are to invite?

Take time to pray for God's intervention in the Invite Your One process and invitation.