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Today's Work

Luke 19:11-27

Investing my time in things of eternal significance leaves little time for obsessing over eschatological timelines and obscure theological debates. Being _____ and _____ in a broken world is our calling for today, irrespective of what tomorrow holds.

Discussion 1. To you, what is the danger of sitting back and living as if Jesus' return is any day now? To you, what is the danger of living as if Jesus' return is very far off and not happening in this lifetime? How does this impact your Prayer/Care/Share hopes with your neighbors?

Being a follower of Christ means being an investor, i.e., investing whatever time God gives me into my relationship with Him and my relationships with others. My refusal to invest, then, is _____. It is simple that way.

Discussion 2. What kinds of excuses do we use for our failure to invest in our relationship with God and in our relationships with others? If that investment is the entire reason we are here, how does that impact how you think about your week? How does it impact your Prayer/Care/Share commitment?

My "works" prior to following Christ are spiritually insignificant. But the work to which I am called as a Christ follower has enormous _____. I should be careful how I think about grace.

Discussion 3. There is nothing we can do to make God love us more. But are there things we can do that grow our love for Him? If so, how does that impact your desire to do the "work" of the gospel?

God created human souls both for eternity and for a relationship with Him. But He also created us with free will. Out of His love for us, He leaves the decision about whether we spend our eternity in relationship with Him _____.

Discussion 4. How can we communicate to a lost and broken world the paradox between God's love and God's judgment? How have you heard it communicated in a way that makes sense?

Discussion 5. How does this lesson cause you to pray? How does it prepare your heart for worship?