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Selected Scriptures

“Don’t Waste the Pandemic”

Discussion and Application:

1. Can you think of a great opportunity that you missed out on? How did it make you feel and why did you miss it?
2. In Eph 5:15-17, Paul wrote:

¹⁵ Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise but as wise, ¹⁶ making the best use of the time, because the days are evil. ¹⁷ Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is.”

What are some gospel opportunities that we can be looking out for in our circumstances today and what are some practical ways that we can walk in them?

3. When you consider that God prepared good works for us to walk in (Eph. 2:10), what kinds of situations might give rise to these opportunities and what kinds of works might we do? What does it mean to walk in them?
4. In Acts 1:8, when Jesus told His disciples that He would empower them to be His witnesses throughout the earth, what were the times and circumstances like for Christians? Were they peaceful? Was there religious freedom or tolerance? Were Christians respected?
5. In Phil. 1:29, Paul said, “it has been *granted* to you that for the sake of Christ you should not only believe in him but also suffer for his sake.” In what way is suffering a gift that has been graciously granted to believers?
6. Imagine that you are in heaven for a moment. What are some thoughts or results that we might experience in heaven when we look back at having lost rights, justice, health, property, freedom or even life for Christ’s sake during our lives in this world? What might be the fruit that results from those losses?
7. Think about a difficult time or circumstances that you went through. Were you matured by it and if so, how? If you did not mature through after going through some difficult times, what might that indicate and what should you do?
8. How can we see our opportunities in tough times and use them for our good and God’s glory?
9. What are some practical ways that we can take advantage of our current opportunities and reach out to others with the gospel, while minimizing risk?
10. How can being focused on difficult circumstances hurt us and how can we overcome this? Can you think of some passages to guide our thinking and behavior in this area?