

SERMON DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

"Come Before Winter"

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THE WEEK OF SUNDAY, August 24, 2008

Scripture: 2 Timothy 4:6-20

Questions:

1) Comment on the quote, *"A Bible that is falling apart is usually owned by a person who isn't."*

Are you, personally and your small group collectively, willing to commit to participate in the E-100 Bible reading challenge starting this September?

2) What did Jesus mean in Matthew 22:37 when He said, *"We are to love the Lord our God with all our heart, with all our soul, with our strength and with all our mind."* What does it mean to love God with our minds?

3) Explain the truth of the story about the devil and the junior devils:

There is an old story about the Devil. He was getting discouraged because he was not tempting enough people to go to hell. So he called together three of his junior devils, and asked, "What can I say that will win people to me and away from heaven." "Well," said the first, "Tell, them there is no God." "O," said the devil "That won't work. There are too many evidences of God all around us."

"Well," said the second, "Tell them there is no heaven." "No, that won't work, " said the Devil. "Deep in people's hearts, they know that there is a glorious life to come for those who trust God."

"Ah" said the third, "Tell them there is no hurry." "That's it," said the Devil. "With those words, we shall win the day!"

4) Are you willing to share an instance of when you delayed doing something important and later regretted the missed opportunity?

5) Are you willing to share an instance when you are so glad you followed through today on something you knew you were supposed to do?

6) What do you suppose God might be calling you to do as we entered into this new fall season? Are you willing to do it now?

7) Share how this sermon affected you personally.