

## Study Guide: How to Be a Christian: Are You Ready?

### **Reading:**

- Romans 13:11-14
- Matthew 25:31-46

### **Warm Up:**

- Have you ever experienced a "wake-up call" in your life that prompted you to make a significant change? What was it, and how did you respond?
- Reflect on a time when you felt spiritually "asleep." What brought you back to alertness in your faith?

### **Scripture Exploration:**

- Read Romans 13:11-14. What does Paul mean by "the hour has come for you to wake from sleep"?
- In the context of Romans 13, what are the "works of darkness" that Paul urges believers to cast off?
- Explore Matthew 25:31-46. How does Jesus describe the separation of the sheep and the goats, and what criteria does He use?

### **Personal Reflection:**

- What does "putting on the armor of light" mean in your own words? How does this metaphor apply to daily Christian living?
- How do the themes in Romans 13:11-14 connect with the parable of the sheep and goats in Matthew 25?
- Consider the urgency in Paul's message. What theological implications does this urgency have for how we live as Christians?

### **Personal Application:**

- In light of Romans 13:11-14, what specific "works of darkness" do you need to address in your life? How can you start this week?
- How can you "put on the Lord Jesus Christ" in practical ways in your daily routine?
- Reflect on your community involvement. How can you be more proactive in loving your neighbor as described in Romans 13?
- Set a goal for how you will stay spiritually alert and "awake" in the coming month. What steps will you take to ensure this goal is met?