CROSSWIND CHURCH
HomeGroup          Discussion Guide

# SHIFT

Part #2:
A Shift in Time

Take Home:
The Air is Too Turbulent and the Time is Too Short for Business as Usual

## Bible Text:
Romans 13:11-12

## Before You Begin:

Go around the room and ask for prayer requests.  As your group is sharing, ask the following question:

What was the best vacation you have ever been on?  Why?

## Next Steps:

Help your Group identify and take next steps with Jesus.  Pray with them and for them, and ask about their next steps later in the week

- Identify ways that you are missing opportunities with the people that God has given you. Children, Spouses, Parents, Coworkers, Classmates, etc. Establish a reminder so that you can live life with eyes wide open.

## Discussion Questions

1) **Read as Background Romans 13:8-10**

2) **Read Romans 13:11**

3) What is the ""This" that Paul is asking us to do?

4) How is it easy for you to miss those important moments in life?  What are the major distractions that pull your attention away?  What can you do to limit or remove those distractions?

5) What does Paul mean when he says your salvation is nearer now than when we first believed?

6) When you think about the return of Christ, what emotions arise within you?  Why?

7) What is a deadline that you have regularly?  How do deadlines make you feel?

8) **Read Romans 13:12**

9) Understanding that Christ is returning and that we have a responsibility for our faith changes the way that we act.  In what way?

10) Does this mean that you can't have fun or go on vacation?  What does this mean?

11) **Read Romans 13:13-14**

12) Why does Paul give us a list here?  Is this list meant to be exhaustive?  Look through the list, why do you think Paul puts dissension and jealously in the same list as drunkenness and sexual immorality?   How does this compare to the way that we "categorize" or "rank" sin?

13) Why does Paul want us to put off these activities and put on Christ?  Is it to keep or earn our salvation?

14) In what ways are you just consuming life rather than owning it?   In what ways are you just sleepwalking through?  What do you need to do to change this?