

Now Is the Time

Scripture Reading — 2 Corinthians 5:11-6:2

We are therefore Christ's ambassadors ... We implore you on Christ's behalf: Be reconciled to God. 2 Corinthians 5:20 —

“Appeal.” “Implore.” “Urge.” “Now is the time.” Do you hear the urgency in these words? While our missionary God is patient, desiring the salvation of all, the Bible makes clear that this mission of God is moving toward a definite end. This is an urgent mission. It is front and center for Christians and the church. “Now is the time” to share the good news that tells how people can be reconciled to God.

Always keep the reality of Jesus' return in mind. He will come back someday. Jesus makes clear that it is none of our business to try to determine the precise time. “It is not for you to know the times or dates the Father has set by his own authority” (Acts 1:7). Jesus, God's own Son, intentionally removes himself from that knowledge and states that only the Father knows (Mark 13:32). And he calls us instead to be active in his mission.

Are you holding off on responding to Jesus' call as he calls you by name? We “urge” you. Listen to his voice today. Know the heart of God, who sent Jesus to seek and save the lost. Receive his love for you in Jesus Christ!

If you are already a Christ-follower, don't hesitate to share Christ with someone and begin building a relationship with them. Tomorrow may be too late: “Now is the time.”

Prayer

Lord, forgive us if we have wasted time and ignored your urgent call. Give us boldness in our relationships with others. May we share your good news in your time. Amen.

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