

Evening Lesson

NOW IS NOT THE TIME

(from The Jenkins Institute)

John 17:13-19

INTRO:

1. As we look at the world from God's perspective, it is imperative that we make some choices.
2. Some would say that the world has never been more evil than it is today. **Gen. 6:5-8**
3. What do we do?

I. JESUS TOLD US HOW TO REACT.

- A. We are to stay with the truth. **John 17:13-19**
- B. When the world is upside down, we are to proclaim the good news. **Rom. 1:15-17**
- C. We are to speak the truth in love. **Eph. 4:15**

II. THE GOSPEL STILL HAS POWER.

- A. It welcomes those that live in darkness to come to the light of the world. **John 8:12**
- B. Those that are thirsty are invited to drink the living water. **John 4:10-14**
- C. It offers those that are hungry to eat the bread of life. **John 6:28-35, 48-51**
- D. As surely as God invites people to become part of his family, he demands repentance. **Matt. 12:35; Matt. 15:19; Acts 2:36-38**

III. NOW IS NOT THE TIME...

- A. ...to quit loving those that are without Christ.
- B. ...to quit sharing the good news that changes lives.
- C. ...to quit preaching the whole counsel of God.
- D. ...to quit preaching the truth in love.
- E. ...to quit exposing the darkness in our world.
- G. ...to quit loving people like God loves them and like he loved us when we were dead in our sins.
- H. ...to forget that Jesus brought grace and truth to the world.

CONC:

1. In a nutshell, "Now is not the time to quit!"