

Gather Up Courage

Daybreak Gathering, 2/8/24

God's pre-position

- 1) Do you have favorite verses that you've depended on over the years that reassure you of God's position to you, His nearness, His care, etc.? Share one or two with your group.
- 2) How can these reassuring verses help us, especially now?

Still waiting

- 1) In the waiting, do you find yourself more discouraged, or is your optimism only growing?
- 2) According to 2 Peter 3:9 and Revelation 19:7-8, what are at least two reasons the Lord might be tarrying? Have you ever considered the Lord is waiting on you?

Gather up courage

- 1) Read Joshua 1:9 and Mark 15:42-43. Would you consider yourself fairly courageous?
- 2) Since we know we can't depend on our state or federal government in the event of a crisis, how vital is it that we be strong and courageous and a beacon of hope for those around us?

The buried head

- 1) List a few things we see in our world today that you thought you would never see.
- 2) Do you find yourself burying your head at times, trying to convince yourself that a pre-tribulation rapture means you won't see harder times?
- 3) Have you ever been guilty of avoiding a message if it didn't tickle your ears regarding the timing of the rapture? (2 Timothy 4:3)

The gift of discernment

- 1) Have you ever considered that much of what you see is due to the Spirit's gift of discernment?

Titus 2:11-14

Points:

- All men (and women) need Jesus!
 - God, even now in the present age and here in the last hours, is instructing us and growing us up in our faith and calling us to live in obedience.
 - We are called to let go of this world.
 - The blessed hope deserves a rightful place in our walk, but it mustn't be our sole focus.
 - A purified people is often a refined people.
 - A people zealous (ardently active, devoted, or diligent) for good deeds: There's no better deed than to actively, devotedly, and diligently share the Jesus you know with others.
- 1) Would you say that you spend more time sky gazing, focused on your blessed hope, than on disciple making?
 - 2) What does the phrase "a purified people is often a refined people" do to you internally?
 - 3) Would you consider yourself a zealous-for-good-deeds person? Give examples of what stirs you to action.

Uncertainty of 2024

- 1) In what ways might 2024 be a year of refining?
- 2) How might the church respond to this refining? How might you respond?