

Small Group Questions

I. The Lord makes His moves at the

ripe time

A. He delivers the righteous

right on time

B. He judges the wicked

right on time

Mk 4:26-29, Jn 15:1-16,
Jn 4:34-36, Matt 9:37-38,
Gen 6:1ff, Gen 19:1ff,
I Sam 23:26-28, Ps 54,
Josh 3:15

Matt 13: 39, 49; Joel 3:9-17;
Isa 63:1-6; Rev 19:11-21;
Zech 14:1-12;
Deut 32:32-35; Isa 34:1-6;
Gen 15:16; Rom 2:4;
2 Pet 3:9; Ps 73

II. Premature action can do

damage

A. In the natural

Prov 18:13, 20:25;
2 Sam 16:1-4, 19:24-30;
Esther 7:7; Rom 8:14;
Song of Sol 2:7, 3:5, 8:4;
I Cor 6:15-20

B. In the spiritual

Matt 13:18-21; Lk 14:26, 33;
I Tim 3:6

III. Acting too late can forfeit

the fruit

A. In the natural

Prov 19:18, I Kings 1:6,
Heb 12:9-11, Prov 25:26

B. In the spiritual

Matt 25:1-13, Prov 29:1,
I Jn 5:16, Lk 12:16-21,
Heb 4:7b

1. Are you waiting on the Lord to “deliver” you (rescue, come to your aid)? Share.

2. Read aloud Psalm 37:1-11. Who are the evildoers of our generation? How does this passage tell us to respond? How would your best friend tell you to put this into practice?

3. Share about a time when you acted either “prematurely” or “too late” (i.e., child discipline, finances, career decision, etc). What were the consequences?

4. How do you discern God’s “ripe” timing when you make a decision?

5. Is there anything you are in the process of deciding right now that has the potential danger of being either premature or too late? Share. As a group, discuss how you can discern God’s “ripe” timing. Pray.

Recommended Resource

Just Do Something: How to Make a Decision Without Dreams, Visions, Fleeces, Open Doors, Random Bible Verses, Casting Lots, Liver Shivers, Writing in the Sky, etc. by Kevin DeYoung