



# EXILES - A Study Through 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Peter - Living with the End in Mind

BILL DUMPHY

| Week of January 16th, 2022

## SERMON TEXT // 1 Peter 4:7-11 English Standard Version

<sup>7</sup>The end of all things is at hand; therefore be self-controlled and sober-minded for the sake of your prayers. <sup>8</sup>Above all, keep loving one another earnestly, since love covers a multitude of sins. <sup>9</sup>Show hospitality to one another without grumbling. <sup>10</sup>As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace: <sup>11</sup>whoever speaks, as one who speaks oracles of God; whoever serves, as one who serves by the strength that God supplies—in order that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ. To him belong glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

## SERMON GUIDE // 1. The end is coming whether we are ready or not. (v.7a)

2. The posture of one living with the end in mind. (v.7b)
3. The fruit of living with the end in mind. (vv.8-11a)
  - a. Love (v.8)
  - b. Hospitality (v.9)
  - c. Gifts of Service (vv.10-11a)
4. The result of living with the end in mind. (v.11b)



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**Question 1** // Read **1 Peter 4:7-11**. What is something from the text that resonated with you, a truth that encouraged you, or even a question you may have surrounding the text theme?

**Question 2** // Peter Read **1 Peter 4:7** again: ***The end of all things is at hand; therefore, be self-controlled and sober-minded for the sake of your prayers.*** A reminder of the importance of prayer in the life of a believer with the end in mind. ***What is it about the reality of "The end" that should lead us to prayer? Why is it that we must be self-controlled and sober-minded for the sake of our prayers?***

**Question 3** // On Sunday Bill said, "When love abounds in the Christian, it ought to help us to frequently overlook and quickly forget the offenses of our brothers and sisters. Unfortunately, at times Christians show one another and those outside of the church that we act no differently than the unbelieving world when it comes to this." ***How have we succeeded and failed in this area? What will lead us to a path of growth when it comes to loving each other in this way?***

**Question 4** // Read **1 Peter 4:10** again. Here, Peter talks about using your gifts for service. ***How can you use the gifts God has given you to serve those inside and outside the church? What gifts do you believe the Lord has given you for serving and have you found a place at GracePointe to use those gifts?*** We should never feel odd about pointing humbly to the gifts the Lord has given us to serve His purposes. Take time to discuss the gifts you see in your own life or maybe those you see in the lives of the people in this Community Group. If you do not feel you are currently using your gifts - pray and ask God how you can begin doing that this week!

## Reflection & Prayer

Pray and ask the Lord to give you opportunities to bring Him glory through serving Him with the gifts He has bestowed upon you. Ask Him to give you a mindset that has the end in mind in order for you live on mission everyday until you stand before Him.