Serve One Another 1 Peter 4:7-11

Big Idea: The end is at hand; so pray soberly, love earnestly, and serve diligently for God's glory.

I. Pray Soberly (v. 7)

II. Love Earnestly (v. 8)

III. Serve Diligently (9-11)

Discussion Questions:

- 1. What stood out to you from the sermon? Did anything confuse you, excite you, click for you?
- 2. Why do we need to be sober-minded and self-controlled for prayer? In other words, why did Peter choose *these* two words to describe what our attitude towards prayer should be?
- 3. What does hospitality look like "on the ground" in the life of the church?
- 4. According to the text, we have all been given a gift by God to serve one another. We do not just discover our gifts by introspection, but by *serving*, i.e. using it and testing to see if we really do have a gift. First, read more about them in Rom. 12:3-8; 1 Cor. 12:4-11, 28-29; Eph. 4:7-12 and discuss this: are these lists exhaustive in telling us what every spiritual gift is? Or are they broad categories? What gift do you think God has given you to serve others?
- 5. Why is "loving one another earnestly" the foundation and most important aspect of using our spiritual gifts (see 1 Cor. 13 for further study)?

One Thing: Mark it on your calendar and plan on taking part in the Ministry Fair between services on Gather Sunday, March 6th, to see what ministries we have at Cornerstone, what they do, and how you can use your gifts to serve in that ministry!