

Something Greater

THE BOOK OF 1 PETER

A Greater Compassion

1 Peter 4:1-11

February 12, 2023

Questions for Study and Group Discussion

*** Before you begin, please read 1 Peter 4:1-11*

1. Icebreaker: What are you doing / did you do for the Superbowl? Were you rooting for a particular team? Any favorite commercials that you remember?
2. How does 1 Peter 4:1-11 instill a sense of urgency in how we live our lives? (Hint: look especially at the commands Peter gives in verses 1 and 7, and at the various ways he brings up the end of time.)
3. As you consider your own life and look at the culture around us, do you see more apathy in how we live, or more urgency? Why?
4. Below you'll see the four main points that were made in the sermon — what 1 Peter 4:1-11 says about practical ways we can live with a right urgency now. Walk through these points one-by-one, (1) briefly summarizing what Peter says, and (2) sharing take-aways that stand out to you.
 - Pursue holiness more than selfish pleasure and ease. (1 Peter 4:1-6)
 - Resolve to stay focused on God. (1 Peter 4:7)
 - Love others earnestly, even when it's hard. (1 Peter 4:8-9)
 - Practice ways to use your gifts to serve others. (1 Peter 4:10-11)
5. Why is it important to root our motivation for this "urgency living" in the good news of the gospel?
6. What other questions do you have about this passage that haven't yet come up and that you'd like to discuss?
7. What is your biggest take-away from what you've discussed so far? Why did this stand out to you the way it did?
8. **Challenge:** Identify one way this passage is challenging or encouraging you. Who can you tell about what you're learning this coming week?
9. **Challenge: Memorize 1 Peter 4:7-8:** 7 The end of all things is near. Therefore be alert and of sober mind so that you may pray. 8 Above all, love each other deeply, because love covers over a multitude