



BANNOCKBURN

LIFEGROUP CURRICULUM

WEEK 4: GIVE TIME

1 Peter 4:7-11

We believe that a follower of Jesus is someone who uses all that they have been given for God. Christ followers use their talent, time, and treasure to see the kingdom of God advance. The follower of Jesus gives of themselves with a heart of joy because the Lord loves a cheerful giver.

THE SCRIPTURES

⁷ The end of all things is at hand; therefore be self-controlled and sober-minded for the sake of your prayers. ⁸ Above all, keep loving one another earnestly, since love covers a multitude of sins. ⁹ Show hospitality to one another without grumbling. ¹⁰ As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace: ¹¹ 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." **1 Peter 4:7-11**

LIFEGROUP QUESTIONS: WEEK 4

OPENING QUESTIONS

1. What's the most creative or unusual gift you've ever received? What made it special?
2. If you could have any superpower for just one day to help others, what would you choose and how would you use it?

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3. Peter begins by saying "the end of all things is near." How should the reality of Christ's return affect the way we think about using our time, talents, and resources?
4. The passage calls for "serious and watchful" prayer. What's the difference between casual prayer and the kind of intentional prayer Peter is describing here?
5. Verse 8 emphasizes "earnest love" that "covers a multitude of sins." How does showing love to others become a form of giving our time and energy for God's kingdom?
6. What does it mean to show hospitality "without grumbling"? Why do you think Peter specifically addresses our attitude when serving others?
7. Peter mentions that believers should serve "as good stewards of God's varied grace." How does viewing our abilities as gifts from God change how we use them?
8. The passage talks about speaking "as one who speaks oracles of God." What responsibility does this place on how we use our words to serve others?

9. Verse 11 calls us to serve “by the strength that God supplies.” How is serving in God’s strength different from trying to serve in our own power?
10. Looking at the phrase “that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ,” how can our giving of time, talent, and treasure point others to God’s glory?
11. Peter lists speaking and serving as two main ways to use our gifts. Which of these comes more naturally to you, and how might God be calling you to grow in both areas?