



The Gifts of a Hero

1st Peter 4:1-11

Weekly Study Guide – September 15th 2019

This guide, beginning with Sunday's main Bible passage, provides additional study & reflection for group discussions and/or personal study. Let these thoughts help you learn from God's Word so you can thrive in Christ! Also, enjoy growing with God personally with our complimentary "All Church Focus" daily devotional, available in the church lobby!

- A) Have you experienced someone's love bringing hope and healing to a broken relationship? What did that love look like?
- B) How might God have been speaking to you as you read parts of our All Church Focus daily devotional booklet recently?
- C) Review 1st Peter 4:1-11. What points of this Sunday's passage, or the sermon based on it, resonated with you? How were you encouraged or challenged? What questions came to mind?
- D) Review 1st Peter 4:1-2. What are some reasons for why we serve God and others? In what ways might our willing serving create some amount of "suffering" in our lives? Should we be ok with that? Why?
- E) In 1st Peter 4:8, what are we called to do? In verses 9 & 10, what two examples are given for how to live this idea out? In verse 11, what is the end goal, the main point, of all of this instruction and activity?
- F) We see two examples of spiritual gifts in 1st Peter 4:11. Now, read 1st Corinthians 7:7 and 12:8-11 & 28, Ephesians 4:11, Romans 12:6-8. How many more gifts can you identify and list in these passages?
- G) Go through Corinthians 12:11-26. Where do spiritual gifts come from? Why do some get certain kinds, and others different ones? How are we to use our gifts together? How can these strengthen the Church?
- H) Considering your gifts, heart, abilities, personality, and experiences, how might God be calling you to serve others in our church family? Others in your neighborhood or city? Pray for courage and go for it!
- I) Peter ended up using many *spiritual gifts* God entrusted him with to share the Good News about Jesus with thousands. What about you? Pick up your SHAPE Survey booklet from our church lobby (or go to www.freeshapetest.com), and complete the "S" section (pgs.3-9). Then, reflect on your answers. How might this information inform how you can serve God now?



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Additional Resources – September 15th 2019

“True heroes bravely serve like Jesus”

Introduction Notes

1st Peter 2:9

2nd Peter 5:8

Four Challenges to Bravely Step Up and Into the Hero Initiative

1. Brave Circumstances (1st Peter 4:1-7)

Ephesians 2:10, Mark 10:45, Mark 9:35

Galatians 5:13-14

James 3:2, 1st John 1:8-9

2. Brave Love (1st Peter 4:8)

Proverbs 10:12

3. Brave Kindness (1st Peter 4:9)

4. Brave Participation (1st Peter 4:10-11)

What did Peter mean when he wrote these two passages?

**“Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit, in which he went and proclaimed to the spirits in prison”
(1st Peter 3:18–19)**

**“For this is why the gospel was preached even to those who are dead...”
(1st Peter 4:6).**

Find some answers at our “More to the story” resources: visit cypresschurch.net/heroes and learn more by clicking on Week #5!



For those who haven't shared their “loving my neighbor” story, please share.

As summer gives way to fall, brainstorm some ideas for how your group (as individuals or a group) can continue blessing your neighbors!