

These questions are provided for your further study and application of the message. Thoughtfully writing out the answers to these questions will help to drive home the point. It is also helpful to discuss your answers with others.

LifeGroup Discussion

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1 Peter 4

1. Love is a word that is widely used and abused in the English language. When I say, "I love cornbread," or "I love my dog," I don't mean the same thing as when I say, "I love my wife." What kind of love should we have for our church family? How can we grow in our love for each other?
2. Peter begins this section (4:7) by reminding his readers, "The end of all things is at hand." Why was this warning important and how does it relate to his admonition to "be self-controlled and sober-minded?"
3. Read 1 Peter 4:8 and John 13:34-35. Why is love for one another such an important part of the Christian life? What does this love show outsiders? What can this love do inside of the church?
4. Peter urges his readers to show "hospitality to one another without grumbling." What is hospitality? How does showing hospitality help us to show our love?
5. Peter mentions spiritual gifts as a way to show our love for each other. How do we show love to others by exercising our spiritual gifts within the church (Hint: Read 1 Corinthians 12:4-11)?
6. Loving people can be hard and messy work. Sin's work in our lives can make us selfish and unlovable. How does trusting in the Lord help you to better love others?
7. Family verse: Read and memorize 1 Peter 4:8. Discuss what it looks like to "keep loving" one another, even through hard things.