

### Questions for Personal and Group Reflection:

1. What stood out to you about the message? What did you learn that helped you understand the passage better?
2. What do you wish Pastor Kory would have talked more about?
3. Was there a point in sermon where you were convicted? Challenged? Encouraged? Inspired? If so, where?
4. How much do you think about the return of Christ or the fact that you are not promised tomorrow? How big of a part does this realization play in how you live your daily life?
5. Look again at the actions Peter says we should take on as we live as if it were today. Which of these are easiest for you? Which is most difficult? Why?
6. What are the “graces” God has given you for the sake of others? (think about your talents, resources, gifts, interests) How are you passing them along to others to build up the Church?
7. What changes will you make in response to this passage?



### Do This, Not That

We live in a world that acts as though our personal \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ are the path to “the good life.”

**Scripture: 1 Peter 4:1-11**

**DO NOT Live for Earthly Desires: Verses 1-6:**

\_\_\_\_\_ doesn't make us immune to sin.

**“Arm yourselves with the attitude of Christ.” (vs 1)**

- Set your \_\_\_\_\_ on future inheritance. (1:13, 3:18-22)
- \_\_\_\_\_ God. (3:15)
- Live in a way that \_\_\_\_\_ might see the grace of God. (2:18-25, 3:1-2, 3:15:16)
- Surrender to the God who will \_\_\_\_\_ justly. (2:23)

The point: If you have the attitude of Christ, sin loses its

\_\_\_\_\_.

## Verse 6: 2 Options

1. Post-\_\_\_\_\_ evangelism
2. The \_\_\_\_\_ pays dividends even after death.

The Point: What we believe about the \_\_\_\_\_, determines how we live right now.

## DO Live in Light of Eternity: Verse 7-11

### “The end of all things is near.” (vs 7)

The Point is not that Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ return today, but that he \_\_\_\_\_—so live as if it is today.

### How should we live as if it were today?

1. “Be alert and of sober mind so that you may \_\_\_\_\_.” (vs 7)

Prayer may be *the* most \_\_\_\_\_ work of the believer.

2. “Above all else, \_\_\_\_\_ each other deeply.” (vs. 8)
  - “...because love covers over a multitude of \_\_\_\_\_.”
  - “Hatred stirs up conflict, but love covers over all wrongs.” (Proverbs 10:12)
  - When *agape* is pervasive in a community, it does not allow grievances to \_\_\_\_\_.

3. “Offer \_\_\_\_\_ without grumbling.” (vs 9)

- We might think of this as \_\_\_\_\_ care.

4. Use the \_\_\_\_\_ God has given for his purpose. (vs 10)

- God owns \_\_\_\_\_, we are just managers.
- God builds and sustains the Christian community through \_\_\_\_\_.

## Application:

1. Live with the \_\_\_\_\_ of Jesus. (vs 1)

2. Live like today could be your \_\_\_\_\_. (vs 7)

“When the Son of Man comes, will he find faithfulness on the earth?” (Luke 18:8)

3. Let God give his \_\_\_\_\_ through you! (vs 11)

- The Church may never have been more \_\_\_\_\_ than it is today!
- Have we lost our sense of \_\_\_\_\_?