



SERMON DISCUSSION GUIDE FOR CONNECT GROUPS

6 & 7 AUG 2022

“STEWARDSHIP THROUGH SERVICE”

1 PETER 4.7-11

Suggestions for Making the Most of your Group Time

1. Begin by reviewing the video of the sermon, preferably before you meet together (see <http://www.brmc.org.sg/category/resources/sermons>).
2. Read the Scripture passage together, before entering into discussion.
3. Spend time on both question components, namely:
 - a. Comprehension (*Who? What? When? Why? How?*);
 - b. Application / Transformation (*So what? What action should I take? Perspective should I adopt? Value should I uphold? Emotion should I embrace? Habit should I develop? Desire should I nurture? etc*)
4. Discuss as few or as many questions as best fits your group’s current context and present stage in life.
5. Before ending your group session, allocate some time (15-20 min) to pray with and for one another.

Discussion Questions

1. From your review of the sermon and your reading of the Scripture passage, recap the key points of this sermon.

2. In 4.7, Peter reminds the churches that the “end of all things is near”, and they should look like a Church fit for these end times (cf. 1 Peter 2:9-10). As put forth during the sermon, “shouldn’t we be wrestling with what to do with the time we have left?”

a) Do you find it hard to live with the end in mind? Why, or why not?

b) What is one area of your life you would approach differently, so that you could live with the end in mind?

3. Consider 1 Peter 4.10-11.

a) What does v.10 say about spiritual gifts? Is it possible for a Christian to have no spiritual gifts?

b) Are you aware of the spiritual gifts that are present among various persons in your group? You may want to take turns to share some of your own gifts, or share the giftings that you observe in each other. Then, share the ways in which you have been serving, or want to use these gifts to be serving God's people.

c) The end result of our service using these God-given gifts is that God may be glorified through Jesus Christ (v.11). What are some ways in which we might be tempted to make these gifts more about ourselves, than about glorifying God?

4. As a church, we are to pray, to love and to serve. We are called to be stewards, as seen through our membership vows of Prayers, Presence, Gifts, and Service.

a) In which of these do you currently struggle the most? Which is God is leading you to steward more intentionally? Share with and pray for one another.

Prayer Items

5. Pray for one another, that we would be empowered by God to live out the specific areas of application and transformation raised during the discussion time. Pray also for any needs that were mentioned.