Questions for Reflection and Discussion

1 Peter 4:7-11

Living in Light of the End

Overview

In these verses Peter tells us how to live in light of Christ's return.

Digging In

1. **Read vss. 7-11.** What are the main commands in this passage?

2. **Read v. 7**. Why is it important to be *clear minded and self-controlled* so that we can pray? What's the connection?

3. **Read v. 8**. How does Peter highlight the exhortation in this verse? According to Peter, why is this so important?

4. **Read v. 9**. What is the basic command in this verse? What qualification does Peter add?

5. **Read v. 10**. How should we use the gifts God has given us? What is the role of God's grace in the use of our gifts?

6. **Read v. 11**. Peter gives two examples of how we are to use the gifts he's given us. What are they? What qualifications does Peter add to the use of these gifts?

7. What is the ultimate purpose of our service – the overriding principle?

Getting Personal

- How can your **praying** be more in line with God's concerns – God's purpose in the world?

- How is God calling you to **love** others at Shoestring?

- In what ways are you showing **hospitality**?

- How are you using the gifts God has given you to **serve others**?

- Think honestly about your service for the Lord. Is it for God's praise, or yours?

- Read the passage again. How is God speaking to you through these verses? In which area do you most need to grow?