



1 Peter 4:7-11 | While You Wait: Redeeming the Time Until You're with Jesus

1. Tend _____ (7)

2. Tend _____ (8-9)

3. Tend _____ (10-11)

Scripture Memory

“Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery trial when it comes upon you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. But rejoice insofar as you share Christ’s sufferings, that you may also rejoice and be glad when his glory is revealed.”

– 1 Peter 4:12-13

Application Questions

Community Groups meet throughout the week and play a crucial role in our response to the preaching of the word. These groups gather to discuss the following questions as we seek to apply the sermon in community with one another. Please visit compassntx.org to join a small group near you.

1. Read **1 Peter 4:7** and **Romans 13:11–12**. How does remembering that “the end of all things is at hand” practically change the way you think about temptation and self-control this week? Be specific about one situation where this perspective needs to shape your choices.
2. Read **1 Peter 4:7** and **James 4:8**. In what ways do self-control and sober-mindedness help you “draw near to God” in prayer? Share one concrete adjustment (in schedule, habits, or media intake) you need to make so that your mind is clearer and more focused in prayer.
3. Read **1 Peter 4:8–9** and **Proverbs 19:11**. Think of a recent small offense from a brother or sister in Christ. How could biblical love “cover” that sin rather than replaying it or talking about it with others? What would it look like for you to respond with mercy instead?
4. Read **1 Peter 4:9** and **Romans 12:13**. What are some practical, ordinary ways we can show hospitality “without grumbling” in our current stage of life (singles, young families, empty-nesters, etc.)? Will you accept the challenge to host one person or family from our church each month for a meal over the next year?
5. Read **1 Peter 4:10** and **1 Corinthians 12:4–7**. Where have you already seen the Lord use you to “serve one another” in the church? Are there abilities, experiences, or resources you have that you have not yet offered to the body? What might it look like to start using those for others’ good?
6. Read **1 Peter 4:11** and **Colossians 3:23–24**. What are some signs that you may be serving from sinful motives (seeking recognition, control, or convenience), and what are some signs that you are truly serving for the Lord’s glory? What practical habits can help re-orient your heart when you notice wrong motives? (*Consider also Galatians 1:10.*)

Recommended Reading

- *The Hole in Our Holiness* - Kevin DeYoung
- *The Religious Affections* - Jonathan Edwards
- *The Gospel Comes with A Housekey* - Rosaria Butterfield
- *The Simplest Way to Change the World* - Dustin Willis & Brandon Clements