


HONORING CHRIST IN THE LAST DAYS DISCUSSION QUESTIONS


1 PETER 4:7-10

- 1 **Peter instructs us to keep self-controlled and sober-minded for the sake of our prayers.** Why do you think there is such a close connection between sober-mindedness and our prayers? What is it about clear-mindedness that affects our prayers?


 Read Luke 18:1-8. Jesus says to pray and never give up. What have you been praying for a long time about that you're tempted to give up praying? ----- Does this kind of reaction to prayer demonstrate sober-mindedness? Why or why not?

 What is your normal pattern for a regular time in prayer? How do you need to grow in clear-minded prayer in these last days?


- 2 **We ought to be loving each other so much, that certain offenses or sins can be covered in love.** (1 Peter 4:8) Take a moment to bring to mind someone that is difficult for you to love. Perhaps they regularly offend you or even sin against you. What would it look like to earnestly love them and to cover their sin in love?


 Read Colossians 3:13-14. What would it look like practically for you to live in the forbearance and forgiveness that Paul describes here?

 Do you think we need to confront and address every single potential sin and offense in the lives of our brothers and sisters? Why or why not?

 Take a moment to consider your own heart of forgiveness. Do you stand ready to forgive when offended? Or, do you find yourself hanging on to bitterness and anger towards people? Share a few ways your group can pray for you in these areas.


3 **How can we use our homes to serve others?** What can you incorporate in your routines to be able to increase hospitality opportunities? Think creatively about ideas within the current state of COVID restrictions and guidelines.


 *When have you noticed good hospitality in someone else? Why did you especially enjoy their hospitality? What was it about their hospitality that made you feel comfortable, loved, appreciated, cared for, etc?*

 *What temptations to grumbling and complaining do you most struggle with when facing opportunities for hospitality?*

 *When we grumble about hospitality, what does it say about who our love and service are directed towards?*

4 **God has given differing gifts to each member of the church, and Peter has separated them into to general categories: speaking and serving.** Do you tend more towards gifts of speaking or gifts of serving? How have you seen your gifts change over time? How might you grow in these gifts?

 *1 Corinthians 12:12-26 has much to say about unity in the diversity of the local church. There is one body with many members! In what ways do you celebrate the diversity of gifts in our church? Take a moment to celebrate the diversity of gifts in your home group.*

 *Is it awkward to talk about Christ with your closest friends and family? If so, what steps might you take towards having spiritual conversations with the people with whom you're the closest?*