

CLOCK'S TICKING



1 Peter 4:7-11, ESV – ⁷ The end of all things is at hand; therefore be self-controlled and sober-minded for the sake of your prayers. ⁸ Above all, keep loving one another earnestly, since love covers a multitude of sins. ⁹ Show hospitality to one another without grumbling. ¹⁰ As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace: ¹¹ whoever speaks, as one who speaks oracles of God; whoever serves, as one who serves by the strength that God supplies—in order that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ. To him belong glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

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SERMON-BASED STUDY

For the week of August 2, 2020
1 Peter 4:7-11

QUICK REVIEW

Looking back at your notes from this week's teaching, was there anything you heard for the first time or that caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?

ENGAGE WITH THE MESSAGE

1 This weekend, we were reminded to stay focused in our personal pursuit of God. How is this an act of worship?

2 Similarly, we were reminded to love and be loved by other believers. Do you find it more difficult to love others or to allow others to love you? Explain.

3 How has God gifted you and how are you exercising those gifts?

4 What does it mean to be a disciple who makes disciples? What is a disciple? In other words, how do you know when you have made a disciple of Jesus?

DIGGING DEEPER

A ***Psalm 66:1-4, ESV** – ¹ Shout for joy to God, all the earth; ² sing the glory of his name; give to him glorious praise! ³ Say to God, “How awesome are your deeds! So great is your power that your enemies come cringing to you. ⁴ All the earth worships you and sings praises to you; they sing praises to your name.”*

5 Looking at the passage above, we see that singing is an integral part of worship. What are some other means by which we worship God? How have you made worship a regular part of your life?

B ***Hebrews 13:1-3, ESV** – Let brotherly love continue. ² Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for thereby some have entertained angels unawares. ³ Remember those who are in prison, as though in prison with them, and those who are mistreated, since you also are in the body.*

6 Why is hospitality an important aspect of belonging together? How have you shown hospitality to others?

C ***Romans 12:6-8, ESV** – ⁶ Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, in proportion to our faith; ⁷ if service, in our serving; the one who teaches, in his teaching; ⁸ the one who exhorts, in his exhortation; the one who contributes, in generosity; the one who leads, with zeal; the one who does acts of mercy, with cheerfulness.*

7 When reading passages about spiritual gifts, we must remember that all who follow Jesus receive gifts according to His grace and will. Why is this an important truth to remember?

D ***2 Timothy 2:1-2, ESV** – You then, my child, be strengthened by the grace that is in Christ Jesus, ² and what you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses entrust to faithful men, who will be able to teach others also.*

8 In the passage above, we see Paul encouraging Timothy to share what he has learned with others, who will then share with still others. If we consider Paul the “first generation” of being a disciple, then we can see a total of “four generations” of disciples in this passage. What are you doing to be like Paul, making disciples out to the fourth generation?

TAKING IT HOME

Mark began today's message with an answer to use when people ask us "How do we go about being a disciple who makes disciples?" The answer is, "I live to worship God personally by belonging to His body corporately and serving Him with what He's invested in me spiritually, all for the purpose of seeing more people know and follow Jesus Christ." Can you honestly say this answer? If not, what changes do you need to make in your life to be the disciple that Jesus has called you to be? Share with your group or accountability partner what God is laying on your heart and pray that you will be the disciple He wants you to be, making more disciples.

PRAISES AND PRAYER REQUEST

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FOR FURTHER STUDY

John 1:16-18

Romans 8:5-9, 12:1-8

1 Corinthians 12:5-7, 27

Philippians 2:1-8, 3:3

Colossians 3:15-17

1 Timothy 5:8

Titus 3:3-8

1 John 3:23-24