

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 9, 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 that it is important to discover our spiritual gifts and to use them in service to people. How has God gifted you and how are you exercising those gifts?
- 2 When we speak, we should speak as God directs, with His words, not our own. How can we make sure we are doing this?
- 3 Similarly, when we serve, we should serve with God's strength, under His direction, and keep from doing anything for our own "shine." Describe a time when you have served others with God's strength and not your own.
- 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 **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.

5 Why is it so important to Paul that believers use their spiritual gifts?

6 What gifts do you have? Are they speaking gifts, serving gifts, or a combination of both? How have you used your gifts for God's purposes?

B **1 Corinthians 4:14-17, ESV** – ¹⁴ I do not write these things to make you ashamed, but to admonish you as my beloved children. ¹⁵ For though you have countless guides in Christ, you do not have many fathers. For I became your father in Christ Jesus through the gospel. ¹⁶ I urge you, then, be imitators of me. ¹⁷ That is why I sent you Timothy, my beloved and faithful child in the Lord, to remind you of my ways in Christ, as I teach them everywhere in every church.

7 Looking at the passage, we see multiple relationships: Paul – the Corinthians, Paul – Timothy, and Timothy – the Corinthians. As followers of Christ, we all should have a Paul (someone discipling us) and a Timothy (someone we are discipling) in our life. Who is your Paul? Who is your Timothy? How have you, and them grown as a result of these relationships?

8 Like Paul, are you a follower of Christ worthy to have someone imitate you? Explain. If not, what changes can you make this week to begin to be the disciple that Christ has called you to be?

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