

Living Hope Series in 1 Peter

Living for God

Reading 1 Peter 4.1-11



Focus In

Peter continues to challenge us about what it means to live for God with all our hearts. Just as Jesus suffered and died for our sin we are also to die to sin and live for righteousness. Those who live just for their own desires will one day answer to God as judge. In contrast to a pagan way of life that surrounded them, they are to live for the will of God.

All the New Testament writers believed that the end times were near. In the light of this they were to live. From verse 7 there is a list of conduct and attitudes that should be reflected in the life of those who trust in the Lord. These include clear thinking, prayer, love for one another, hospitality without grumbling. We are also to serve, as stewards of the gifts that God has given us. Whether speaking or serving we are to do so in God's strength, so that in all things He will be praised. To him be the glory.

Discussion Starters

.What do you find most challenging about this teaching? Does anything especially stand out to you?

.If Peter was writing today do you think his list of a pagan way of life would be very different?

.Look again at the attitudes and behaviour that describe a Christian way of life. How do you understand them for our lives now?

.What do you think that doing all things for the glory of God looks like in our living day by day?

Prayer time

Please do pray for needs that are known to you but also pray about strength to live for God's glory. Pray especially for young people, with so many pressures on them to conform.