

## **Pray Love Serve Study Guide**

After an appropriate time and opening in prayer, start by asking a few questions.

1. What jumped out to your attention from the message or what did God speak to you this weekend?
2. Read 1 Peter 4:7-11.
3. Verse 7 begins with the "end of all things are at hand." What are your understandings of being in the end times? Do you struggle with the concept?
4. Looking at verse 7, what does it look like in your life to live self controlled and sober minded?
5. In what ways does this text encourage you to pray?
6. Looking at verses 8-9, how have you seen love cover a multitude of sins? What areas in your life do you need God's help to change your affection/feeling of love towards someone?
7. Looking at verses 10-11, what gifts have you been given? How can you use them to serve others?

# Pray Love Serve Message Outline

## 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.

**Big Idea:** Live with the end in mind

## 2 Peter 3:8

8 But do not overlook this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day.

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### 2. Love like it matters

v8-9 8 Above all, keep loving one another earnestly, since love covers a multitude of sins. 9 Show hospitality to one another without grumbling.

### 3. Serve like it matters

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"Few of us live daily on the edge of eternity in the conscious way the Puritans did, and we lose out as a result."