

June 23 – 29

Chosen and Exiled | Serve From Love

Icebreaker: Tell us about a time when you experienced rich hospitality. What was most memorable?

Read 1 Peter 4:7–11

SOAP Discussion (Details on the SOAP Method at www.cfdowningtown.com/soap)

Further Discussion

4:7

- In what sense is the end of all things at hand, even as Peter wrote this nearly 2000 years ago?
- Why is self control and being sober-minded so important for our prayers?
- What would you pray for if you knew the end was imminent?

4:8

- Why is love for each other more important than anything else?
- How have you experienced love being a solution to sin?

4:9

- What is at the heart of hospitality? What does it look like?
- Why is grumbling contrary to the spirit of hospitality? What is the key mindset to being hospitable without grumbling?

4:10–11

- What does it mean to be a steward of grace?
- Peter calls God's grace 'varied.' What does that mean in light of stewarding His grace with our gifting?
- How does the proper use of our gifts glorify God through Jesus Christ?
- Read the following passages that describe spiritual gifts: 1 Corinthians 12:1–11 and Romans 12:3–8. What do we learn about spiritual gifts in these passages? How do we receive them? What is their purpose?

Application

Spiritual Gifts are defined as gifts given by the Holy Spirit at the moment of salvation to minister to others in the body of Christ.

The way you find your gifts is by noticing that (1) you enjoy it, (2) others recognize it in you, and (3) God blesses your work.

- As you consider these things, what comes to mind as your possible spiritual gifts?
- What do you want to do to explore these gifts further?

For Next Week: Use SOAP with one verse in 1 Peter 4:12–19