



...ONE ANOTHER

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Service Discussion Guide

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1 Peter 4:8-11

⁸Above all, keep loving one another earnestly, since love covers a multitude of sins. ⁹Show hospitality to one another without grumbling. ¹⁰As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace: ¹¹whoever 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.

Background

Jesus told his first followers that the world would know they were his disciples by the way in which they loved one another. Peter, one of Jesus' closest friends, wrote a letter to Christians scattered throughout the Roman Empire connecting this call to love with the practical act of showing hospitality and serving others. In the first century and today, one of the clearest and most effective ways the world can see Christlike love is when followers of Jesus are willing to invite others into their homes (and lives) and to use whatever resources entrusted to them to serve those around them.

Service Notes

What is your biggest takeaway from today's message?



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Instructions

This discussion guide is to help you facilitate a conversation with your small group. The “Getting Started” section serves as a quick opener and introduction to the group conversation. In the “Talk it Over” section, feel free to use all or only some of the questions. Again, our hope is to have meaningful and encouraging conversations around the passage used in the sermon, not simply answer all the questions. Give each member of your group opportunity to respond. Take your time. Finally, the “Live it Out” section is to help identify a specific next step. Use these questions as a guide to find practical ways to apply the passage to our everyday life.

Getting Started

- ▼ What stood out to you in this week’s sermon? What is one thought from the message that made you hopeful? What prompted questions?

Talk it Over

- ▼ What are some practical ways in which believers can show hospitality to others? How can any of these reflect Christlike love for others? Even though Jesus never had a physical house (that we know of), how did he practice hospitality? Why is showing hospitality “without grumbling” important (vs. 9)?
- ▼ **Read 1 Peter 4:10-11.** To what do you think Peter is referring when he talks about “receiving” and “using” gifts to serve others? How is this connected to being a “good steward” of God’s grace? How is serving one another and showing hospitality connected? What is one “gift” from God you have received that you can use to serve someone else? When we are “good stewards” (manage things well) how is God glorified (vs. 11)?
- ▼ Who do you know that exemplifies a life of showing hospitality? What encourages you the most from the way they live? What is one thing we could learn from them so that we can be more hospitable towards others in our own life?

Live it Out

- ▼ Who is one person/family that you hope to build a deeper relationship with that you could show hospitality or serve in the coming weeks? Commit to making a call or text with that person/family and setting up a time soon.