



# CALLED TO ACTION

1 Peter 4:7-11 | Pastor Mohan Zachariah

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Followers of Christ should live a life of discipleship with the awareness that Jesus could return at any time. This will drive us to act as disciplined, prayerful people who love deeply, show hospitality and use our gifts to build up the church.

Icebreaker:

Share a time when you personally jumped into action without thinking twice (or saw someone else do this) because there was a need.

Begin by reading 1 Peter 4:7-11 aloud as a group.

## **I. Be Disciplined and Watchful in Prayer (v. 7)**

Summary:

Peter urges believers to be self-controlled and sober-minded for the sake of their prayers. This calls for discipline in maintaining a clear and focused mind, avoiding distractions, and prioritizing prayer.

1. How do distractions in your life (whether from media, work, or personal stress) affect your prayer life? Consider how different distractions can cloud your mind, making it difficult to hear from God.

2. What steps can you take to cultivate a more disciplined prayer life, especially considering that Peter says the end is near? Think about specific actions or habits (e.g., setting aside time, accountability, fasting from distractions) that can help you be more intentional about prayer.

## **II. Love One Another Earnestly (v. 8)**

Summary:

Peter emphasizes the importance of loving others earnestly, a love that stretches and covers a multitude of sins. This kind of love goes beyond feelings and requires intentional, sacrificial actions toward others.

3. When have you found it difficult to love someone but chose to act in love regardless of your feelings? How did God work through that?

Reflect on a time when loving someone required sacrifice or endurance, and consider how God's love was shown through your actions.

4. How can we as a group fan the flames of love when we feel our love for others growing cold? Discuss ways you can practically rekindle love for others in the church and community, especially when it feels challenging or when relationships are strained.

## **III. Show Hospitality Without Grumbling (v. 9)**

Summary:

Hospitality is a key mark of the Christian community, and Peter calls believers to welcome others into their homes and lives, doing so with a heart free from grumbling or complaint.

5. What are some reasons /excuses we might give for not being hospitable, and how can we overcome those barriers? How can we shift our mindset to embrace hospitality?

6. This week, how can you show hospitality to someone, either within church to build deeper relationships or with non-believers to reflect Christ's love to them?

## **IV. Use Your Spiritual Gifts to Serve Others (v. 10-11)**



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### Summary:

Each believer has received a spiritual gift to serve others, not for personal glory but to build up the church and glorify God. These gifts are to be used as stewards of God's grace, whether in speaking, serving, or other forms of ministry.

7. How are you currently using your spiritual gifts to serve others at CityLine? Are there ways you could be more intentional in doing so?

Reflect on your current service and how you could use your gifts more fully. Consider areas where God may be calling you to step up or start serving.

8. What happens when we don't use our gifts for the body of Christ?

Discuss the dangers of neglecting our gifts and how this impacts CityLine and our witness.

9. The sermon ended with a charge for us to three things:

- Submission to God
- Humility of service
- Seeking God's glory

which one of these do need to ask God for help doing? Share with others for accountability and to be praying for you.