

## **Stand Firm with One Another**

### **1 Peter 4:7-11**

**Main Point: We are called to stand firm with one another in God's life or death mission... so that in all things HE may be glorified through Jesus Christ**

#### **Getting to know you**

1. Begin by sharing how you would spend a 24hour period if you knew it was your last day on Earth. Who would you want to spend time with? Would anything change in your relationship with God?

Leader say, "In the study of 1 Peter we have been focusing on some very practical life issues. We have discussed marriage relationships and our relationships at work. Now we come to a focus on our relationship with other believers. Specifically, we are focusing on how believers should relate to one another in light of the urgent times in which we live.

#### **Getting into the Book:**

##### **Read 1 Peter 4:7-11**

2. After reading this passage how would you summarize its main point?
3. Why do you think Peter began this section of scripture with "The end of all things is near..."? Where else do you see this kind of end time mindset in the Bible?
4. Spend some time reading the other "sober" passages of 1 Peter 1:13, 4:7, and 5:8. What are similarities and differences in these verses? Why is this such an important word to Peter and to us? How does a sober spirit impact our prayer life?
5. What commands do you see in 1 Peter 4:7-11? Which do you find most challenging? How does Peter link these commands to the glory of God?

#### **Getting out there**

6. This passage calls us to action. What are some roadblocks you need to overcome in your prayer life, love for others, hospitality, and service?
7. Do you know your spiritual gifts? Take a moment to discuss the strengths you see in your group members. (One way for people to discover spiritual gifts is for other believers who know them to affirm them.)
8. What is the mission of our Church? How do you see yourself fitting into that mission?
9. Is there a greater commitment that you need to make to others in your Family Group (praying more for one another, serving, etc.)?

#### **Prayer**