### Personal Reflection

- 1. How much of the present do you live in light of the future?
- 2. What changes, based on this study, do you need to make?

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Message Notes



### Stand - Part 8

# Life Group Study Notes Stand Sermon Series based on 1 Peter

#### This Week's Message

What if you knew the time was short? What would be your priorities? Who would you need to see and what would you need to do? In this message Peter poses that scenario to the believers who are being persecuted and gives a kind of modern bucket list for the church.

## Study - Based on 1 Peter 4:1-11

- 1. Was there a key point from the message that you would like to discuss, or expand upon?
- 2. Looking at verses 1-6, how does the theme of suffering frame Peter's comparison of the old life versus the new life?
- 3. Verse 6 at first seems confusing but context is important. This verse is not teaching that the Gospel was preached to those already dead, but to encourage those presently suffering that there were Believers, now dead, who received the Gospel during their lifetime. Because of this, they are now alive in God's presence. From this, how important is the understanding of what happens at death to those who are suffering?

4.	Peter begins verse 7 with "the end is coming soon" (NLT). What is the connection between this verse and our behavior now (7-11)?
5.	In the message, a definition for a disciple was given. What is it and discuss why Peter focused on these traits?
6.	What does Peter have to say about time and why does believing in eternity encourage us to make the most of our time?
7.	Looking at verse 7, how are being earnest and disciplined connected to prayer?
8.	In 7-9, how are love and forgiveness connected? (Peter actually quotes Proverbs 10:12)
9.	Verses 10-11 deal with the topics of spiritual gifts and leadership. In the message what were the two major categories that Peter gives?
10.	What were the 3 summary points given in the message for this section of Peter's letter? Discuss each.
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