

## Getting Started

1. How do you best practice hospitality?
2. With all of political talk surrounding the presidential election, many people appear hopeless regarding the future. Peter tells us in verse 7 that the end of all things is at hand and as such we live now with hope because of what the future holds in Christ. Are you hopeful about the future?
3. What hurt are you holding on to that you need to forgive?
4. What insight, principle, or observation from this weekend's sermon did you find to be most helpful, eye-opening, or troubling? Explain.

## Digging Deeper

### 5. Heidelberg Catechism Q&A 112:

#### **Q. What is the aim of the ninth commandment?**

A. That I never give false testimony against anyone, twist no one's words, not gossip or slander, nor join in condemning anyone rashly or without a hearing.<sup>1</sup>

Rather, in court and everywhere else, I should avoid lying and deceit of every kind; these are the very devices the devil uses, and they would call down on me God's intense wrath.<sup>2</sup> I should love the truth, speak it candidly, and openly acknowledge it.<sup>3</sup> And I should do what I can to guard and advance my neighbor's good name.<sup>4</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Ps. 15; Prov. 19:5; Matt. 7:1; Luke 6:37; Rom. 1:28-32 <sup>2</sup> Lev. 19:11-12; Prov. 12:22; 13:5; John 8:44; Rev. 21:8 <sup>3</sup> 1 Cor. 13:6; Eph. 4:25 <sup>4</sup> 1 Pet. 3:8-9; 4:8

What do you find troubling or difficult about this answer?

6. Read Proverbs 10:12. Is this what Peter is quoting in 1 Peter 4:8? Is it true that love can cover a multitude of sins?
7. Read Matthew 18:21-35. How many times are to forgive? How does this tie in with Peter's message in 1 Peter 4:1-11?
8. How does 1 Peter 4:1 relate to Romans 6:8-12?

## Application

9. The people of this world want us all to live as they live. God did not give us grace so that we would continue to live in sin. We are liberated by God's grace in Christ to live as God calls us to live. Specifically, when you hurt another person do you seek them out and ask for forgiveness? When you are hurt do you offer forgiveness?

## **Bible Reading Questions**

October 24 – John 9-10 – Jesus uses sheep as an analogy because the people he is teaching would understand it. What might we use today to convey the same message?

October 25 – Luke 10 – Why is it so hard to love our neighbors?

October 26 – Luke 12-13 – Jesus talks quite a bit about who will get into heaven and who won't. What are the requirements?

October 27 – Luke 14-15 – Do you put yourself in a place of honor or humility?

October 28 – Luke 16-17 – What is the parable of the rich man and Lazarus about?

October 29 – John 11 – In the face of miracles, the Pharisees deny Jesus as Lord. Why is it important that they deny him?

October 30 – Luke 8 – Jesus confronts the rich young ruler with the one area he keeps from God. If Jesus were to confront you, what area would he confront you with?

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### **Common Problems**

#### **“Stewards of Grace”**

The end of all things is at hand; therefore be self-controlled and sober-minded for the sake of your prayers. Above all, keep loving one another earnestly, since love covers a multitude of sins. Show hospitality to one another without grumbling.

1 Peter 4:7-9

- **Salvation is \_\_\_\_\_.**
  
- **As stewards of God's grace we are \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, and we keep \_\_\_\_\_, are \_\_\_\_\_ and use our God given \_\_\_\_\_ for his glory.**

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