

# 1 PETER LEADER GUIDE

## WEEK 12: CHANGE THE WORLD WITH PEOPLE YOU LOVE

**Primary Passage:** 1 Peter 4:7-11

**Related Passages:** Matthew 5:13-16, Acts 17:26-28, 1 Corinthians 12:12-31, Colossians 3:23-25

“Perhaps the most important difference between Christianity and all other religions: that in Christianity God is not a static thing—not even a person—but a dynamic, pulsating activity, a life, almost a kind of drama. Almost, if you will not think me irreverent, a kind of dance..”

C.S. Lewis

### LifeGroup Study Guide Questions:

**Read 1 Peter 4:7-8.** What changes in your thinking when you know the end of something is coming? (i.e. the end of your life, the end of an era, college, etc.)

**Leader Notes:** Ice breaker to get people thinking about how Peter wants us to think about our lives. In light of eternity coming, leverage everything you've got for welcoming people into God's kingdom. No matter the cost, focus all your attention and energy on what matters most.

**Read Matthew 3:14-16.** How central is your commitment to God's plan to change the world through His city of love-based relationships? Do your wallet and calendar reflect this level of commitment? What steps of repentance do you need to take?

**Leader Notes:** The goal is to help people realize that we are often not as committed as we like to think we are. Being and seeing God's city on a hill grow is the single central focus of our lives as believers. But knowing that answer doesn't matter if the reality of our practical lives isn't reflecting this (money, time, energy).

**Read 1 Peter 4:8-11.** What gifts are you equipped with and how are you using those gifts to love, serve, be hospitable and speak the gospel to the people around you?

**Leader Notes:** Growing in humble self-awareness of our giftedness and using those gifts to love and serve those around us is how God's kingdom most fully flexes it's muscles. God equips His people for the ministry He calls us to. Give people room to brainstorm and think of ways to use their giftedness. Encourage other people in the group to confirm/affirm or help redirect people if they aren't seeing their gifts very clearly.

**Read 1 Corinthians 12:12-20.** How can our group use our giftedness to work together for the mission of God?

**Leader Notes:** God's mission for our lives isn't individual but communal. The people in your group have gifts that are designed to work together to make the whole group more effective in welcoming people into God's kingdom.

**Pray** for people God's put around to get welcomed into His kingdom.

**Pray** for God to give you and your group a burning passion to pour out our lives for the sake of God's kingdom advancing.