



A PICTURE OF LIFE TOGETHER • 1 PETER 4:7-11

In 1 Peter 4:7–11, we find “A Picture of Life Together.” As the apostle writes to believers living in a world that is hostile to the message of the gospel and its messengers, we find three characteristics that by God’s grace should mark the people of God, and each local church, characteristics that should mark our life together as: 1. A People of Dependent Prayer, 2. A Community of Love, and 3. A Church for God’s Glory.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What makes it difficult for you to maintain a self-controlled and sober-minded spirit in prayer? How can a deeper awareness of “the end of all things” shape the way you pray and live each day?
2. In what ways can our church grow in “earnest love” for one another? How might we practically show love that “covers a multitude of sins” in our relationships?
3. What are some barriers that keep us from practicing hospitality with joy? How can we create rhythms of hospitality that reflect Christ’s welcome to us?
4. What gifts has God entrusted to you, and how are you currently using them to serve others? What might it look like to depend on God’s strength rather than your own as you serve?
5. As you look at “the pictures” of our church life today, where do you see God’s grace at work? Where do you sense he might be calling us to grow so that in everything he is glorified through Jesus Christ?