

# Goldstone Church

## Small Group Questions

### 1 Peter 4:1-11

#### For Starting

- What was your least favourite food as a child? Do you still hate it?
- What would be the title of your autobiography?
- When was the last time you did something for the first time?
- If you were going on a spiritual retreat, what three things (besides your Bible!) would you take – and why?

#### For Reviewing

- What is to be our purpose in life (v.1)?
- What are all Christians called to live for (v.2)?
- Do all non-Christians experience what Peter described in v.3?
- Why are non-Christians surprised when Christians do not join them in their worldly activities (v.4)?
- What does the phrase “give account” mean in v.5?
- Who is Peter referring to as “dead” in v.6? (Hint: not a real death)
- How could the end have been “near” 2000 years ago (v.7)?
- Note the wider meaning of v.8 from the Amplified Version (over).
- Why would someone complain about offering hospitality (v.9)?
- What gift/s is Peter indicating (v.10-11)? See Romans 12:6-7; 1 Cor 12:8-10. Is it important to find out what are your gifts?

#### For Discussion

- What is your definition of “sin”?
- Go around the group with each person indicating how they can (in their current situation) show hospitality to others.
- How does suffering help to purify us as Christians?
- *“If a person really believes in eternity, then he/she will make the best use of time.”* Do you agree/disagree? How does this impact our Christian lives today?
- Are you satisfied with your prayer life? What is one specific, simple step you could take to improve your prayer life?
- You could end by reading together 1 Peter 4:11.

## 1 Peter 4:1-11 (NIVUK)

### Living for God

<sup>1</sup> Therefore, since Christ suffered in his body, arm yourselves also with the same attitude, because he who has suffered in his body is done with sin. <sup>2</sup> As a result, he does not live the rest of his earthly life for evil human desires, but rather for the will of God. <sup>3</sup> For you have spent enough time in the past doing what pagans choose to do – living in debauchery, lust, drunkenness, orgies, carousing and detestable idolatry. <sup>4</sup> They think it is strange that you do not plunge with them into the same flood of dissipation, and they heap abuse on you. <sup>5</sup> But they will have to give account to him who is ready to judge the living and the dead. <sup>6</sup> For this is the reason the gospel was preached even to those who are now dead, so that they might be judged according to men in regard to the body, but live according to God in regard to the spirit.

<sup>7</sup> The end of all things is near. Therefore be clear minded and self-controlled so that you can pray. <sup>8</sup> Above all, love each other deeply, because love covers over a multitude of sins<sup>1</sup>. <sup>9</sup> Offer hospitality to one another without grumbling. <sup>10</sup> Each of you should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God's grace in its various forms. <sup>11</sup> If anyone speaks, he should do so as one who speaks the very words of God. If anyone serves, he should do it with the strength God provides, so that in all things God may be praised through Jesus Christ. To him be the glory and the power for ever and ever. Amen.

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<sup>1</sup> 1 Peter 4:8 (AMP) *“Above all, have fervent and unfailing love for one another, because love covers a multitude of sins [it overlooks unkindness and unselfishly seeks the best for others].”*