

# The Parchment

Studies for making fully devoted followers of Christ



## Strength In Humility

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1 PETER 4:7-11

### Using This Study

#### ① EXAMINE His Word

What does God SAY? Open your time with prayer. The words God uses to communicate matters, so go back and pay close attention to the details that are emphasized or repeated in the passage.

#### ② EXPLORE His Word

What does God MEAN? Asking questions of the text helps surface how the details relate to the message God wants to communicate.

#### ③ EMBRACE His Word

Why does it MATTER to me? Embrace God by responding to what you discover in His word in faith and obedience.



In Chapter 4 of First Peter, we continue to see the theme of suffering just as Christ suffered for us. Christ sacrificed His life enduring the pain of the cross, being obedient to the Lord, and demonstrating to us Servant Leadership. In verses 7-11, we not only see the call to endure suffering, but we also see the call for us to serve. Jesus does not want us to live for this life, but for us to see the glory that He has offered us in eternity. This morning we will evaluate how we can serve with the attitude of Christ.



## ① EXAMINE His Word

**What does God SAY? Prayerfully note significant details and terms emphasized in the passage.**

## **Read I Peter 4:7-11 (NET)**

<sup>7</sup>For the culmination of all things is near. So be self-controlled and sober-minded for the sake of prayer.

<sup>8</sup>Above all keep your love for one another fervent, because love covers a multitude of sins.

<sup>9</sup>Show hospitality to one another without complaining.

<sup>10</sup>Just as each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of the varied grace of God.

<sup>11</sup>Whoever speaks, let it be with God's words. Whoever serves, do so with the strength that God supplies, so that in everything God will be glorified through Jesus Christ. To him belong the glory and the power forever and ever. Amen.

## **② EXPLORE His Word**

# What does God MEAN?

1. In what areas of service has God gifted you?
  2. We are to serve by using the gifts God has given us. According to 4:8, what is the most important thing to do? How does using your gift and the context of verse 8 go together?.
  3. What is the ultimate goal of using your gift?

4. According to verse 11, how can we be confident in the outcome of using our gifts?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
5. When is it hardest to serve using your gifts?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
6. Serving and using our gift is sometimes hard. Refer to 4:1-2 that come right before our passage. How much effort should we put forth to use our gift?  
  

*“<sup>1</sup> So, since Christ suffered in the flesh, you also arm yourselves with the same attitude, because the one who has suffered in the flesh has finished with sin,<sup>2</sup> in that he spends the rest of his time on earth concerned about the will of God and not human desires.”*
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
7. 4:1 tells us that we should have the same attitude that Christ had when He suffered. What are some of the characteristics of His attitude and how does this affect the way that we serve?

### **③ EMBRACE His Word**

Why does this MATTER to me?

#### **Summarize your thoughts on the passage:**

Write about what God wants you to KNOW, to FEEL, and to DO...

#### **SERMON NOTES**