



I Peter 4:1–11

A Big Three for You & Me: Suffering, Supplication, & Service

- I. We must _____ to _____ for Christ. (I Peter 4:1–6)
- a. We must be willing to suffer the loss of the _____ of _____.
(I Peter 4:1–3; I Peter 1:13–16; Hebrews 11:24)
 - b. We must be willing to suffer the _____ of those whose goals we now reject. (I Peter 4:4; I Peter 2:21–23; Philippians 3:19)
- II. We must _____ in Christ. (I Peter 4:7; I Peter 3:7, I Peter 3:12; John 15:7–8; James 4:3)
- III. We must _____ to _____ Christ. (I Peter 4:8–11)
- a. All our service must be permeated by _____ for the _____ of _____.
(I Peter 4:8)
 - b. Our service includes making _____ room for others and doing it with the right _____. (I Peter 4:9)
 - c. Each Christian has at least _____ spiritual gift. (I Peter 4:10a; Ephesians 4:7–8)
 - d. Our gifts are to be used for the glory of _____ and the good of _____, not ourselves. (I Peter 4:10b–11)
 - e. Our gifts must be viewed as a _____. (I Peter 4:10b)
 - f. When gifts are used faithfully, the body of Christ is ministered in _____ - _____ ways as God designed. (I Peter 4:10c)
 - g. Spiritual gifts fall into two categories: gifts of _____ and gifts of _____. (I Peter 4:11a; Acts 6:1–7)
 - h. Spiritual gifts must be used with _____ for God's glory.
(I Peter 4:11b)



Diving Deeper in Scripture Together

Questions for Discussion & Reflection

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1. Scripture is honest that sin can be pleasurable-for a season. Why is it important to acknowledge that truth rather than pretend obedience is always easy? (Hebrews 11:25)
2. Scripture reminds us that suffering is not only persecution, but also the pain of resisting sin. Why is saying "no" to sinful pleasure often harder than we expect? (I Peter 4:1-2)
3. Peter says believers must "arm themselves" with Christ's mindset. Why does resisting sin require intentional preparation rather than mere willpower? (I Peter 4:1)
4. The sermon notes that rejecting sinful lifestyles can invite ridicule. How have you seen faithfulness misunderstood or maligned in today's culture? (John 15:18-19) Why is it important to remember that Christ Himself was reviled yet remained faithful? (I Peter 2:21-23)
5. Peter says the nearness of the end should lead us to sober-minded prayer. Why does urgency about eternity sharpen our dependence on God? (I Peter 4:7)
6. The sermon warns that sin clogs our prayer life. How have you experienced disobedience dulling your desire or confidence in prayer? (I Peter 3:12)
7. Why is prayer meant to be our first response rather than our last resort- especially in seasons of temptation or suffering? (Matthew 7:7-8)
8. Jesus connects abiding in Him with effective prayer. What does abiding look like practically in a busy or distracted life? (John 15:7-8)
9. Peter says love must be earnest because it "covers a multitude of sins." How does sincere love help preserve unity in imperfect communities? (I Peter 4:8)

10. Scripture describes hospitality as making room at real cost. What might hospitality look like in your current season of life? (Hebrews 13:2)
11. The sermon emphasizes that gifts are given for others, not for self-promotion. How does this reshape the way we view ministry and success? (I Corinthians 12:7)
12. Peter says each believer has received a gift. Why is it important to remember that no one in the church is unnecessary or ungifted? (I Peter 4:10)
13. Do you tend to undervalue your gifts or overprotect them? How might God be inviting you to steward them more faithfully, confidently, and generously (Matthew 25:21)?
14. Scripture reminds us that gifts must be exercised in God's strength, not our own. What happens when ministry becomes self-powered rather than God-dependent? (II Corinthians 3:5)
15. Of the "Big Three"-suffering, supplication, or service- which one is hardest to faithfully follow Christ in (I Peter 4:1-11)? How can we as a group encourage each other in that area?
16. What is one concrete step you could take this week to serve the body of Christ using the gifts God has given you? (I Peter 4:10)
17. How can this group encourage one another to live faithfully, pray fervently, and serve joyfully for God's glory? (I Peter 4:11)