

Sermon: Christianity and Serving.
Series: *Exploring Christianity*

Scripture: 1 Peter 4:7-11.
Date: August 29, 2021

OBSERVATION -- As a group, talk through and summarize the passage. Think through *Who, What, Where, When, How, Why* questions together.

INTERPRETATION -- Answer these questions together:

1) What does this passage teach us about God?

a) Start at the end of verse 11 – “To him belong all glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.” What are some dangers in serving without it being for God’s glory? OR...Why must we start here, with God’s glory and authority, before thinking about how and why we serve one another?

2) What does this passage teach us about us?

a) In what ways have you been consumeristic in your relationship with church?

b) In what way have you been tempted to make your service into your identity or worthiness?

c) Peter moves us from loving one another to serving one another. Why will true love always lead to serving?

3) What does this passage teach us about grace/salvation? How does it point to Christ?

a) Peter says that we serve from God’s grace and God’s strength. How does this eliminate all of our boasting, jealousy, or despair in serving?

b) Read Mark 10:45 and Philippians 2:5-8. How does knowing that Jesus served you allow you to serve others from a pure heart?

APPLICATION

a) Where are you, or where can you see yourself serving your church, family, community?

b) Is there a spiritual gift that you believe God has graciously given to you to serve the church? What is it? Are you using it?

FIGHTER VERSES: Ephesians 4:1-6.

PRAYER

- Praise God for how he has served us in and through Jesus Christ.
- Confess ways that you have failed to serve others from grace and love.
- Ask God to empower your serve from his grace and his strength.