



“Renewed Service”

(1 Peter 4:7-11)

Study Guide for the week of
March 12, 2023

Some questions to answer and discuss:

1. What did Peter say was near? ([4:7](#))
2. What did Peter instruct his readers to do since the end of all things was near? ([4:7](#))
3. What did Peter encourage his readers to do above all? ([4:8](#))
4. How did Peter encourage his audience to love each other? ([4:8-9](#))
5. How were Peter’s readers to use their gifts? ([4:10](#))
6. How were these believers to speak and serve? ([4:11](#))
7. What goal did Peter want his audience to reach with all they did? ([4:11](#))
8. In what way is the end of all things near? How would knowing that the world was going to end this year change the way you think or act?
9. How does love cover a multitude of sins?
10. Why is it sometimes difficult to love other believers?
11. In what ways can you offer hospitality?
12. What gift has God given you that you could use to serve others?
13. In what simple way this week can you let unbelievers see that you live by a unique set of priorities?
14. To whom will you offer hospitality sometime this week?

Life Application Bible Notes

[4:7-9](#) We should live expectantly because Christ is coming soon. Getting ready to meet Christ involves continually growing in love for God and for others (see Jesus' summary of the law in [Matthew 22:37-40](#)). It is important to pray regularly and to reach out to needy people. Your possessions, status, and power will mean nothing in God's Kingdom, but you will spend eternity with other people. Invest your time and talents where they will make an eternal difference.

[4:10, 11](#) Our abilities should be faithfully used in serving others; none are for our own exclusive enjoyment. Some people, well aware of their abilities, believe that they have the right to use their abilities as they please. Others feel that they have no special talents at all. Peter addresses both groups in these verses. Everyone has some gifts; find yours and use them. Peter mentions speaking and serving. Paul lists these and other abilities in [Romans 12:6-8](#), [1 Corinthians 12:8-11](#), and [Ephesians 4:11](#). Even as you seek to discover your gifts, if you see a need in the church, seek to meet it. You may find gifts in areas you might not have guessed!

[4:11](#) How is God glorified when we use our abilities? When we use them as he directs, to help others, they will see Jesus in us and glorify him for the help they have received. Peter may have been thinking of Jesus' words, "Let your good deeds shine out for all to see, so that everyone will praise your heavenly Father" ([Matthew 5:16](#)).

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