

Lenny's Sermon on 1 Peter 4:7-11 (February 22, 2026)

—Below are questions from that lesson to further our understanding—

1. How would your daily priorities and relationships change if you knew with certainty that Christ would return next month?
2. What does your answer reveal about how you are living now?
3. Peter commands us to be self-controlled and sober-minded for the sake of our prayers. What distractions or worldly pursuits are currently clouding your spiritual awareness and weakening your prayer life?
4. The sermon illustrates how a warning saved the pastor from potential harm. Can you identify a time when God gave you a prompting or warning that changed your course? How did you respond?
5. Peter says love covers a multitude of sins within the believing community. What does it practically look like to forgive rapidly and leave offenses in the past rather than bringing them up again?
6. The passage calls us to show hospitality without grumbling, even when it is difficult. Who in your life challenges your ability to be genuinely hospitable, and how can you demonstrate Christ-like love toward them?
7. God has given each believer unique spiritual gifts to serve others and bring Him glory. Have you identified your spiritual gifts, and are you actively using them to build up the church family?
8. The sermon states that a distracted church is a prayerless church, and a prayerless church is a powerless church. What evidence of distraction or powerlessness do you see in your own spiritual life or church community?
9. Peter wrote that the end is near over two thousand years ago, yet God delays His return out of patience, not wanting any to perish. How should God's patience motivate our evangelism and urgency in sharing the gospel?
10. The sermon challenges believers to stop living selfishly like children and instead put God first in all things. What childish ways or self-centered patterns do you need to give up to mature in your faith?
11. If we truly believed eternity is closer than we think, how would that change the way we invest our time, money, and energy today? What specific adjustments is God calling you to make?