



Life Group  
Sermon Guide Questions  
30 AUGUST 2026

# THE PEOPLE'S PRIVILEGED POSTURE

1 PETER 4:7-11

## Questions for Further Discussion

- 1) Peter writes in verse 7 that “the end of all things is at hand.” How does understanding that history has a purposeful culmination, rather than spinning out of control, change the way we view the urgency of our daily lives, especially in a fast-paced city like Manila?
- 2) In response to this urgency, Peter commands us not to panic or try to manage things in our own strength, but to be “self-controlled and sober-minded for the sake of your prayers.” What are the typical things that “scatter” your mind, and how does reaching UP in prayer help “gather” it back to God’s grace?
- 3) Peter pulls from Proverbs 10:12 in verse 8, noting that “love covers a multitude of sins.” What is the difference between keeping a private “ledger of wrongs” versus doing the courageous, daily work of covering relational friction with earnest, stretched-to-the-limit love?

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4) Biblical hospitality (love of strangers) is described as “making room” and letting people into the realness of our life. How can you practice this kind of hospitality this week, and why is the command to do so “without grumbling” (v. 9) so challenging yet important?

5) According to verse 10, each believer has received a gift to be managed as a “good steward of God’s varied grace.” How does viewing your talents, resources, or capacities as a trust from God rather than a personal treasure change your approach to serving your spiritual family?

6) In verse 11, we are instructed to serve “by the strength that God supplies.” What are the warning signs that you might be serving out of your own private reserves (sheer willpower, a need for approval) rather than God’s strength? How can we practically ensure we are receiving before we are giving?

7) The ultimate goal of this three-directional posture (UP, IN, OUT) is “in order that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ.” When people encounter your service, hospitality, or love, how can you ensure that, beyond the steward, it is the Giver who is impressive and deserving of glory?



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