# SET APART

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS | WEEK 10

## 1. URGENCY IN PRAYER

**Main Scripture: 1 Peter 4:7**

**Sermon Fill-in-the-Blank:**

*My prayer life must include **intentionality** and **urgency**.*

Peter reminds us that our time is limited and calls us to be alert and sober-minded so that we can pray. Pastor Dan said we often become most intentional about prayer when we face an urgent need in our lives.

**Discussion Question:**

1. Can you share a time in your life when this was true? An urgent need arose, and you instantly became devoted to prayer. How did that affect your life, how was the need resolved?

2. What tends to distract you from prayer, and what would it look like to approach your prayer life with greater intentionality and urgency this week?

**Supporting Scriptures:**

- **Colossians 4:2** — Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful.
- **Ephesians 6:18** — And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord's people.

## 2. ACTIVE LOVE

**Main Scripture: 1 Peter 4:8**

**Sermon Fill-in-the-Blank:**

*My love for others must be **earnest** and **fervent**.*

Peter calls us to love one another deeply, even when it is difficult, and reminds us that this type of love positions us to forgive even when the world says you shouldn't.

**Discussion Question:**

1. Can you share about a time in your life when you received love in this way? Maybe someone you misjudged, or someone you had wronged loved you, or encouraged you, or forgave you, when you least expected it?

2. Is there someone you find difficult to love, forgive, or extend grace toward, or maybe not someone but a type of person, or a people group? What is one practical way you could choose to actively love that person, type of person, or people group this week rather than allowing, past experiences, frustration, hurt, or resentment to shape your response?

**Supporting Scriptures:**

- **John 13:34–35** — "A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. 35 By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another."
- **Ephesians 4:32** — Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.
- **Colossians 3:13–14** — Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. 14 And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity.

## 3. GRATITUDE IN SERVING OTHERS

**Main Scripture: 1 Peter 4:9**

**Sermon Fill-in-the-Blank:**

*I can **kill** grumbling with **gratitude**.*

Peter instructs believers to offer hospitality without grumbling. Sometimes we are willing to serve, but our attitudes reveal that we would rather not be inconvenienced.

**Discussion Question:**

1. Can you share a time in your life when you were at first grumbling, but then as you started serving, your heart changed?

2. Looking back on your life, would you say that you feel any regret about being helpful, giving of your time, or resources, or has every time been a blessing?

3. Where are you most tempted to grumble when serving or helping others? How could gratitude change your attitude and help you serve more joyfully?

**Supporting Scriptures:**

- **Philippians 2:14** — Do everything without grumbling or arguing.
- **Colossians 3:17** — And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.
- **Hebrews 13:2** — Do not forget to show hospitality to strangers, for by so doing some people have shown hospitality to angels without knowing it.

## 4. CONQUEROR OR CONSUMER?

**Main Scripture: 1 Peter 4:10–11**

**Sermon Fill-in-the-Blank:**

*Through **faithful stewardship**, I can become a Christian that **conquers**.*

Peter teaches that we are to use our gifts to serve others as faithful stewards of God's grace. In the sermon, we contrasted the conquering Christian, who is committed, consistent, and chooses community, with the consumer Christian, who participates when it is convenient and chooses comfort.

**Discussion Question:**

1. Would you categorize yourself as a Conquering Christian or a Consuming Christian, or a bit of both?

2. Just being in this discussion right now means you are at least leaning into that Conquering Christian category. We should all be encouraged by another's testimony. Would you share an area of your life that at one point you struggled to surrender to God but that you have since surrendered, and what was it that had to be conquered in order to surrender it? (example) Fear, Worry, Distraction, Pride

**Supporting Scriptures:**

- **Galatians 6:9–10 —** Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up. 10 Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers.
- **Hebrews 10:24–25 —** And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, 25 not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

## CLOSING PRAYER

Pray for one another, asking God to help you:

- Pray with intentionality and urgency.
- Love others earnestly and fervently.
- Replace grumbling with gratitude.
- Faithfully steward your gifts for God's Kingdom.