

Are you wondering what it means to be a Christian?

Jesus said, "All that the Father gives me will come to Me, and the one who comes to Me I will never drive away" (John 6:37). Jesus also said, "No one can come to Me unless the Father who sent me draws him; and I will raise him up on the last day" (John 6:44).

If you are feeling drawn to Christ, it is because God the Father is drawing you; it is not a desire we can or will create within ourselves. This also means that there is no sin too great to be forgiven, and no past too sinful to be overcome. You can trust Christ to receive you because it is God the Father who is drawing you to find true repentance and receive the gift of faith. You can know a new life in Jesus Christ.

We would love to talk and pray with you about this or any other spiritual needs you may have. Please see Pastor Mark or one of our elders after today's service to do so.

Are you interested in Baptism or Church Membership?

Please indicate your interest on the back of your Connection Card and Pastor Mark or one of the elders will be in touch with you this week to set up a time to meet with you.

LIVE FOR THE WILL OF GOD

1 Peter 4:1-11

Main Thought: In 1 Peter 4:1-11, we are given more general instructions about how to live for Christ in a hostile world.

1. _____ OF YOUR SIN AND _____
THE WILL OF GOD. (vv 1-6)

2. BE _____ AND
_____ - _____ SO YOU CAN PRAY. (v 7)

3. LOVE ONE ANOTHER _____. (v 8)

4. OFFER HOSPITALITY WITHOUT _____. (v 9)

5. USE YOUR GIFTS TO _____ OTHERS. (vv 10-11)

ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS FOR GROWTH GROUPS

1. In prayer, ask the Holy Spirit to guide you and reveal God's truth to you as you read 1 Peter 4:1-11

2. In a couple of sentences, describe the focus of this passage? What's it about?

3. What do you learn about God in these verses?

4. What do you learn about yourself, believers, or humanity in general in these verses?

5. What verse(s) did you find to be the most meaningful? Why?

6. Was there a command in the verses that you need to obey? What was it? How will you respond to the command?

7. What verse(s) were difficult for you to understand? Were you able to research the verse and find an answer to your question? If so, what answer did you find?

8. What is the Holy Spirit encouraging you to do as a result of studying this passage?

Digging Deeper:

10. What does it mean to live for the will of God? How do we do that? What motivation do you find in this passage to live for the will of God? Why are people offended when we live for the will of God?

11. Who are the people Peter is talking about in verse 6? Were they living or dead when the gospel was preached to them? How were they judged by men in regard to the body and how do they live according to God in regard to the spirit? How does the context (vv 4-6) help us understand how to interpret these verses?

12. What spiritual gift(s) do you have? (See 1 Cor. 12; Romans 12:3-8; Eph. 4:11-13). How are you using your gift(s) to serve others?