



## EXILES

### *Live with the End in Mind*

1 Peter 4:7-11

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1. Be Aware: Keep the End in Mind (4:7a)

2. Act with the End in Mind (4:7b-4:11a)

a. Pray with the End in Mind (4:7b)

b. Love with the End in Mind (4:8)

c. Practice Hospitality with the End in Mind (4:9)

d. Serve Others with the End in Mind (4:10-11)

3. Adoration Keeps the End in Mind (4:11b)

### Questions for Discussion and Application

#### **Quick Review**

1. Was there anything in the passage that challenged or encouraged you?

2. How did this passage of Scripture help you see Christ better?

## Digging Deeper

1. What things about 'the end' should we be aware of from 4:5-7?
2. According to 4:7, what factors will help us in our praying?
3. Why might Peter see the need to encourage the exercise of hospitality without grumbling (4:9)? Consider Acts 17:1-9.
4. What is the aim of being a steward, and what does it mean to faithfully administer God's grace (4:10 and see Luke 12:41-48)?
5. What is the ultimate goal of using gifts within the church family (4:11)?

## Taking It Home

1. How should our understanding of the gospel and the verdict of the final day affect our praying (4:7)?
2. Are there areas of your church life where there could be greater depth of love for one another (4:8-9)?
3. What do you think your gift is? If you don't know, discuss ways you might discover it (4:10, 11).
4. How does this passage challenge your commitment to other church members, for example, in your participation in the church prayer meetings?
5. How could we encourage each other to be more prepared to use our gifts and to serve within the church family?