



#Endgame

1 Peter 4:7-11

Week of May 12, 2019

Objective of this study: To get a clearer understanding of God's purpose for our time on earth, and see specific ways to invest in that.

[Remember, the main goal of each Growth Group is to allow God's Word to change your heart so that others would see Jesus in you and be likewise changed to be like him. He wants to change the world through us.]

Welcome (5 minutes)

Do you have a favorite apocalyptic movie? In it, what skills are portrayed as important?

Worship (5 – 10 minutes)

1. Sing a song or two of praise and thanksgiving to God.
2. Spend five minutes in silence asking God to prepare your heart for hearing his word. After the silence, have someone read **Ephesians 3:16-19** meditatively to the group. Pause after each phrase letting God speak to you. **Did anything "jump out at you"?**

[It's really important when doing this study that we each think about ourselves specifically and ways we need to grow, not how Christians in general need to grow. Do the hard work of letting the Holy Spirit speak to *your* heart.]

Word/Work (60-90 minutes)

1. What stood out from the sermon?
2. Read 1 Peter 4:7-11. What behaviors or attitudes normally come to mind as being important when a crisis is expected? What behaviors and attitudes does Peter instruct his readers to have, in view of the end of the world coming? How would each of them be important and valuable?
3. Verse 7: Prayer. What have you learned about prayer in the past year? How has Jesus met you in prayer? How have you grown in prayer? How would you like to grow?
4. Verse 8: Love. Read Romans 12:9-10 and Colossians 3:12-15. Why is love so important? How would you like to grow in love? Pick (ask God to show you) one specific thing from Romans 12:9-10 or Colossians 3:12-15 to focus on growing in.
5. Verse 9: Hospitality. Notice the word 'cheerfully.' In the NIV 1 Peter 4:9 says 'without grumbling.' See also Romans 12:13. Here Paul says 'practice hospitality.' Can anyone relate? How can offering hospitality be challenging, and require practice? Share times you've been blessed by either receiving or giving hospitality.
6. Verses 10-11: Use your gifts. Read also Romans 12:6-8. What do you notice in these 2 references about using your gifts? Pull out everything you notice. What gifts do YOU have? Do you have a sense of what they are?

Sermon quote: "We will be frustrated until we realize why we're here and begin living as such."

7. How does this quote relate to this week's sermon, and each aspect of today's study?

8. How has the Holy Spirit nudged you today? What is he prompting you to be more purposeful about? Do you have a clearer sense God's purpose for how you spend your life?

Prayer - Pray for the Christians in Sri Lanka, to respond well, to be comforted, to reflect Jesus.

1. Spend the rest of the time praying for each other. **Praise God together for how he works, and how he allows us to partner with him to accomplish things in his kingdom.**
2. Here are some things you can pray about for the church:

A. That, as a church, we would actively and purposefully engage in the mission of Jesus in Campbell River.

B. Our church board and staff as they lead us to live out the mission of Jesus.

C. River Kids ministry as they reach out to kids in our community.

D. **Our missionary of the week:** Brody and Alison Naknakim. (Check out the church [website](#) for how to pray for them.)

E. **Local CR church:** Quadra Island Bible Church.

Radiant Life March Drive - Men's and women's new socks and underwear, and new or gently used shoes.