



DISCUSSION GUIDE
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1st Peter: It's the End of the World as We Know It

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1 Peter 4: 1 – 13

We understand that it is difficult to connect with a group of people right now. If you are able to connect with a group from Saving Grace online feel free to use this material as a discussion guide. You may also use this material with your family or adapt it as a self-assessment tool.

Enjoy!

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

WITH YOUR GROUP/FAMILY...

Answer each of the following questions prompted by today's sermon.

1. Thinking back to your childhood, were you blessed to largely lead a life of innocence or was your life full of challenges and hard times even at an early age?
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2. We all inevitably hit a wall and lose our innocence due to life's circumstances. What is the first event that you can recall that began the process of you losing your innocence? How did you deal with it? Who was there to help you?
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3. React to: "When the end of our innocent world comes we have one of two choices: choose hedonism (pleasure at all costs)...or as the Holy Spirit leads, follow Jesus."
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4. In what ways, can God help us come to the belief and live with the mindset: "It's the end of the world as I know it...but I feel fine."
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5. React to: "If it's the end of the world as we know it...pour your life out so that people walking in darkness see the light of Jesus' love!"
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6. Read 1 Peter 4:7-10. In these end times verses, Peter encourages us to not panic but to: be self-controlled, be sober-minded, pray, keep loving one another earnestly, show hospitality to one another without grumbling, and serve one another. What is to be our motivation for acting in such ways as the end approaches?
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7. React to: "You are clean and more than fine! Through Christ, you're now self-controlled, sober minded, prayerful, loving and serving. Jesus is cleaning up the world through you!"
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8. Read 1 Peter 4:12-13. Why should we NOT be surprised at the fiery trials that come our way as Christians? Also read John 15:18-21 and discuss how this relates to these verses in 1 Peter.
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WITH YOUR KIDS...

9. What do you want to do when you grow up for a job?
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10. Why did you choose that role?
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11. How can knowing that Jesus loves you and will take care of you help in going into the future?

ON YOUR OWN...

12. What does it mean to “fear God” and how is a person’s life changed when they have a healthy fear of God?
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13. When has God asked you to do something that didn’t make sense from your perspective?
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14. How should the truth of living “from victory” instead of “for victory” impact the way you live for God each day?
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15. “When I am afraid, I put my trust in you!” Psalm 56:3. How did reflecting on this verse impact how you faced any challenges you had this past week?
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16. How has God called you to a new level of courage in some area of your life?