

STUDY GUIDE: FAITH IS LIFE

“Intensely Faithful” (1 Peter 4:1-19)

Discussion Starters

1. What does “faithful” mean?
2. How close to the end do you think we are?

Study: Read the fourth chapter of 1 Peter in preparation for the following questions in at least two translations (not a paraphrase).

3. To complete the next section of the study guide, you will need to use a Bible Dictionary. Remember, the words listed below are from the NASU, but the word you are trying to define is the Greek word translated by the NASU—NOT the English word. If you have any questions about how to use these tools, contact your group leader or one of the pastoral staff.

Define the following words or terms, and note how understanding this term helps you understand the passage.

--“purpose” (4:1)—

--“desire” (4:3)—

--“end” (4:7)—

--“hospitable” (4:9)—

--“gift” (4:10)—

--“testing” (4:12)—

--“outcome (4:17)—

4. What does “Therefore” refer to in 4:1?

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5. How has the gospel been preached to the dead (4:6)?

6. How does love cover sin? Can you give an example?

7. What does Peter mean when he says each one has received a “gift” (4:10)? (EXTRA CREDIT: Is this a “special” gift? Explain.)

8. What is the fiery ordeal Peter’s readers are experiencing (4:12)?

9. Based on this passage, describe the “faithful”.

Taking It Home (You won’t be able to answer these questions without first answering the questions above.)

10. What “gift” have you received? How are you using it for the Lord?

11. Which aspects of faithfulness from this passage describe you? Which aspects do not? How will you address this?