

this *exile* life



A SERIES IN 1 PETER

Sunday, April 18, 2021 | Wawasee Community Bible Church | Milford, Indiana | Pastor Josh Weiland

Part 14 | **How to Live Ready**

1 Peter 4:7-11

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Jesus is **COMING**

v. 7a

end times?

Mark 13:32-37

“telescoping of prophecy”

so be **ALERT**

v. 7b

pray

Matthew 26:36-41

and **CARE FOR** each other.

v. 8-11

love each other

Proverbs 10:12; Ephesians 4:1-2, 15; Hebrews 12:6; 2 Thessalonians 3:10

be hospitable to each other

Hebrews 13:1-3; Romans 12:13; 1 Timothy 3:2; Titus 1:8

serve each other

1 Corinthians 12:1-31; Romans 12:3-8; Ephesians 4:11-13; Exodus 31:1-5



What is this? – Each week people from Wawasee Bible meet in small groups in various homes to learn about Jesus, pray, eat, laugh, and live life together. We call them Life Groups. The questions here are based on the sermon each week (often a parallel passage of Scripture), and guide each group's study. If you're interested in connecting with a Life Group, let us know on the Connect Card in your bulletin.

Getting to Know You

Getting to Know You: Use this guide

for your personal and group study this week. Part of our goal together is getting to know one another. *If you could choose any person from history (other than Jesus) to be your friend that you could miraculously text back and forth at any time, who would it be and why??*

Getting Started

Review your message notes. What stood out to you from the message this week? Do you have questions? Disagreements? Discuss it with your group.

Digging Deeper

1. We're not sure of all the details or exactly when Jesus will return, but we know that he will. However, there are a number of future events that are clearly spelled out in Scripture even if we don't understand all the details about them. Read the following passages and identify the events yet to happen in each one.

Revelation 21:1-4

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

2 Corinthians 5:10

Does reading these passages bring you a sense of hope, fear, a desire to change, or something else?

2. We heard this weekend that one of the key things to living "ready" is to love each other deeply (1 Peter 4:8). What do the following verses tell us about this kind of love in action?

Romans 12:9-10

Hebrews 6:10-12

1 Corinthians 16:13-14

Which of the statements about love is most important for you to remember?

How could you integrate any of these statements about love as you pray for people?

3. Pastor Josh laid out that we want every person to Gather, Grow, and Go. How are you doing with these three? Review the Challenge on the next page and talk about it with your group.

As you close, spend time praying for each person in your group.



APRIL/MAY/JUNE CHALLENGE:

Gather, Grow, Go!

We want to see every person who calls Wawasee home do 3 things:

1. **Gather** regularly on Sunday mornings. (Hebrews 10:25).
2. **Grow** by getting connect in a growth ministry like a Life Group, Forge, Women's Bible Study, etc. Don't just show up, *grow up!* (1 Corinthians 3:1-3; Heb. 5:12)
3. **Go** serve somewhere! Wawasee Bible will *never* feel like family to you until you're linking arms and serving somewhere. **Where are you serving?** More than ever, we need people willing to serve. (1 Peter 4:10-11)

How are you doing at these three things? Do you need to **Gather** and show up more regularly? Do you need to **Grow** up and get connected in a Life Group? Do you need to **Go** and get off the sidelines and into the game so that you can contribute rather than just consume?

This spring your challenge is to take some tangible steps to *Gather, Grow, & Go!*

Word Find for 1 Peter 4:7-11 (ESV)

Find the words **bolded** below.

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