

Sober Love
Sermon Based Discussion (May 15, 2016)
Living Out Faith (1 Peter, part 3), Message 2

WARM UP

1. Is there a food, hobby, or activity that you find hard to resist or stop doing once you start doing that?

Maybe you can relate to a food or hobby that you find hard to resist. So if you encounter a chance to eat that food or enjoy that activity, you have to exercise self-control.

It may surprise us, but self-control is needed for prayer to love others. In this session we continue our study in Peter's letter written to scattered Christians in the world.

INTO THE BIBLE (Read 1 Peter 4:7-12)

2. In what way is "the end near at hand"? What was Peter referring to? (see also James 5:8)

3. What does Peter mean by saying love covers a multitude of sins?

4. How does self-control and sober-mindedness produce more prayer in a person's life?

UNDERSTANDING

5. If we don't pray enough for God's strength and help to love others, what might that suggest about us?

6. From the sermon, Pastor Enoch mentioned the command for showing hospitality was more than just inviting people over to hang out. How was hospitality vital and strategic of spreading the gospel in Peter's day?

DIFFERENCE

7. How has hospitality from others played a role in your spiritual growth with Christ?

8. Share about any time that you (or someone you know) has either spoken their words instead of God's words, or served from one's own strength instead of God's strength.

APPLICATION

9. What is a situation you are facing or will face in which you feel challenged to show God's love for the sake of the gospel? How can our group pray for you in this?

10. How can you use your gifts and your home/work/life to participate in God's call to make more disciples and share the gospel?