

“Gospel Community Lives Like Jesus Did”

1 Peter 4:7–11

18 September 2022

INVITATION

1. Why do you suppose God puts prickly people together in the same congregation?

Can you identify porcupinish tendencies in your life that stick others wrongly? How should you respond when you recognise your own quills?

RECOLLECTION

2. What stood out to you as you listened to the sermon preached Sunday morning? Was there anything said on which you require further clarity?

OBSERVATION

3. “Love covers a multitude of sins” (v. 8). What does, and what does this not, mean? How does Proverbs 10:12 inform your understanding of this imperative? How does Matthew 18:15-35 relate to this instruction?

APPLICATION

4. What hinders you from a more consistent prayer life?

How can we more actively encourage people to join the church for prayer, in light of this text?

Why is it necessary to be “self-controlled and sober-minded” when it comes to prayer? What is the connection between self-control, sober-mindedness, and effectiveness in prayer?

5. What should motivate our practice of hospitality? How does the gospel empower us in this regard?

What struggles do you face when it comes to expressing hospitality? Discuss with your Group some practical steps you can take in your quest to be more hospitable.

6. What is the difference between serving the body and merely ticking the church attendance box?

What does it look like when Christians use their gifts to serve themselves rather than others? What practical steps can we take to help us to consciously serve others rather than ourselves?

According to v. 11, what is the desired outcome of serving the body?

How can we serve so that God receives the glory rather than us? What does it mean that God receives this glory “through Jesus Christ”?

7. How did Jesus Christ exemplify prayer, love, and service in his ministry?

SUPPLICATION

8. Write down some prayer requests mentioned in your Group and pray for them throughout this week.

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