

TAKEAWAY

How to Live Right Now

Part Nine: 1 Peter 4:1-11

DESIRED OUTCOMES

- To be challenged on how we live, taking the end of the world seriously
- To practically get on with doing the simple things God tells us all to do with the end in mind.

SHARE

What's on your 'bucket list'?

What goals do you have for the rest of your life? Have you already done something that you really wanted to do?

READ

1 Peter 4:1-11

DISCUSS

Look at verses 1-5. Is it ok to have goals in life that are not things the Bible specifically mentions? If so, how do we balance the things we'd like to do and the things God tells us to do?

What things in life have you 'tasted' and found to be empty and dissatisfying? (Some potential areas to consider: money, power, sex, achievements, pride, drink/drugs, entertainment, food, health, reputation)

How does being aware that you are a participant in God's story change things?

Look at verses 6-11. Which part of Peter's mini-manifesto strikes you the most?

Go through each thing Peter mentions one by one – why is each of these things a priority for Christians with the end in mind?

Where are you stronger, and where are you weaker, when it comes to the things Peter mentions?

What are you going to do about it today, this week, longer term?

What does Peter tell us is the purpose of all this? How does what we do accomplish it?

TRY OUT

Pick one of the things in Peter's list and make a particular specific step forward in doing it that you can report back on next week.

PRAY