

SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE

SUMMARY

This week's message, "Love That Makes Space," centers on Peter's urgent call for believers to live in light of Christ's return, rooted in 1 Peter 4:7-11. Pastor Kevin urged the church to be earnest in prayer, cultivate a deep, fervent love that forgives and creates belonging, practice radical hospitality by making room in our lives for others, and steward our spiritual gifts to serve and glorify God. The message explored how love that makes space can transform a church community—moving outsiders to family through practical, sacrificial discipleship rooted in Jesus' example.

SHARE

Share about an experience where you felt genuinely welcomed or included—what made that space "safe" or meaningful for you?

READ

Let's read **1 Peter 4:7–11** aloud together.

DISCUSS

Feel free to pick/choose what is most helpful for you. Remember, the goal is to have rich, relational, authentic, Jesus-centered discussions.

1. What stood out to you the most about the sermon?

2. Looking closely at 1 Peter 4:7, why do you think Peter connects the urgency of Christ's return with being "earnest and disciplined in your prayers"? What do you learn about Christian hope and vigilance from this context?

3. Verse 8 says, "love covers a multitude of sins." How might this connect to Proverbs 10:12, and what does it show us about the kind of love we are called to embody within the church? What are some ways this love is different from simply "putting up with" others?

4. Pastor Kevin shared stories and concepts like Jeong and Ubuntu. How do these illustrate what Peter is teaching about deep love that makes space for others across differences? Did any of these examples connect with your own experience?

5. How does Peter's call to "cheerfully share your home" (v.9) challenge our notions of hospitality today—not just about space in our houses, but space in our routines, conversations, or Sunday mornings?

6. In verses 10-11, Peter emphasizes stewardship of our spiritual gifts. How does viewing yourself as a steward—rather than a consumer—shift your approach to being part of the church community? What gifts or talents do you sense God has given you to serve others?

7. Pastor Kevin asked, "Who's at your table?" How can you intentionally make space for someone new this week—at home, work, school, or church?

NEXT STEPS

- Commit to a tangible act of hospitality or love-making space this week—invite someone for coffee, listen to someone's story, or offer to serve alongside someone new.
- Explore your spiritual gifts (individually or as a group) with a resource like a **spiritual gifts assessment** and consider together where God might be calling you to use them at Cornerstone.

PRAY

Spend time praying together as a group:

- Thank Jesus for the way He made space for us, even in our brokenness.
- Invite God to help each person grow in deep love, radical hospitality, and faithful stewardship.
- Pray for open eyes to notice who needs a place at the table and courage to take the first step.

CONNECT

Stay on the lookout for ministries, events, or service projects at Cornerstone—especially those featured in **The Hub**—where your group can practice making space for others and join God's work in the community.

CLOSING

Thank everyone for the conversation. Encourage them to keep the conversation going throughout the week and to be attentive to where God gives opportunities to "make space" for others.