

MESSAGE NOTES & DISCUSSION GUIDE WEEK 8 – PRACTICAL ADVICE FOR EXILES

SCRIPTURE PASSAGES

1 Peter 4:1-11; John 13:34-35; Mark 10:45

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 It is better to 	live a life	to	and be		
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the world for	not living a life that i	S	to		
• Be	and		so that	you can	
more effective	vely				
Practice	and			and	
	to	wards fellow beli	evers		
•	how God has g	jifted you so that	you can	other	
believers, while	hich brings	God th	rough		_ in our

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- 1. What are some ways that Christians can live counterculturally today? Why does our approach to living a godly life matter?
- 2. Whose judgment are you living for: the world or God? Why?
- 3. Why isn't it possible to simultaneously live a life pleasing to God and pleasing to the world?
- 4. Does your life reflect the reality that the end is near?
- 5. Are you spiritually nearsighted and too focused on what is happening today instead of seeing the world with the end in mind?
- 6. How can you be alert and sober-minded, and how will this lead to a more effective prayer life?
- 7. Is gracious and merciful love and hospitality the pattern of your dealings with fellow Christians?
- 8. What are your spiritual gifts?
- 9. How can Bear Valley help you discover your spiritual gifts?
- 10. How can you use your spiritual gifts for the glory of God?