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End-times Holiness

1 Peter 4:1-11

For the Christ follower, total surrender means pursuing what He wants rather than what we want. Indeed, when we are getting it right, what we want is being _____ to look more and more like what He wants.

Discussion 1. Can you think of any examples from your own life of your own desires being transformed to be more and more like God's desires? What do you think comes first: our obedience to God OR our desires being transformed to more match His desires for us?

"I tell you the truth, those who listen to my message and believe in God who sent me have eternal life. They will never be condemned for their sins, but they have already passed from _____ into _____." John 5:24

Discussion 2. If you are following Jesus, then you have "already passed from death into life." How would you describe that change to a friend who has not yet done it? Complete this sentence: "There was a time in my life when I was _____, but now I (am) _____."

Simple things like being self-controlled, sober-minded, earnestly loving and genuinely hospitable seem more and more _____ as our world gets more and more broken.

Discussion 3. Describe ways our current culture operates against self-control...sober mindedness...earnestly loving one another...showing hospitality. If you could ask God for instant improvement (personally) in any of these characteristics, which one would you choose and why?

In this age of the church, our submission to the spirit of God manifesting itself in us and through us (we call this spiritual gifts) is a large piece of what _____ looks like for God's people. "Whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God."

Discussion 4. Do you have any sense of what your own spiritual giftedness looks like? If so, how do you know when you are acting in submission to the spirit versus just acting in your own ability?

Discussion 5. How does this lesson cause you to pray? How does it prepare your heart for worship?