

# SERMON APPLICATION GUIDE

*When I know I'm just passing through,  
I'll live like I'm just passing through.*

**JUST PASSING THROUGH**  
**1 Peter 4:1-11**

## 1. REVIEW

What's the best vacation you've ever been on? What made it so great?

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Read 1 Peter 4:1-11. List the action words / instructions from these verses. In what ways do these show us how to live as temporary residents in this world?

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What do you think happens to the believer who settles in and lives like this world is their permanent home?

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## 2. ASSESS

Evaluate your living. Considering the instructions of 1 Peter 4:1-11, in what specific ways have you chosen to live with the habits and values of the world?

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How would your life change if you remembered the coming return of Christ every day?

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## 3. APPLY

Peter starts this passage with a focus on the mind. How will you train your mindset this week - to echo the mind of Christ?

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Commit to studying and memorizing the book of 1 Peter throughout our GRACE+PEACE series. Download the study guide here: [www.harvestindysouth.org/graceandpeaceresources](http://www.harvestindysouth.org/graceandpeaceresources)

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## MY GROUP'S APPLICATIONS

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## SERMON NOTES

1. When I know I'm just passing through...I'm prepared for suffering, armed with the mind of Christ.

2. When I know I'm just passing through...I'm done with the old sin of this world.

3. When I know I'm just passing through...I live in light of the return of Christ.

A traveler's life in light of the return of Christ...

- Live self-controlled and sober-mindedly (v7)
- Love earnestly (v8)
- Show hospitality joyfully (v9)
- Serve with your gifts excellently (v10-11)

## FOR FURTHER STUDY...

### Love Each Other Earnestly

The word "earnestly" (or "deeply" in some translations) means "stretched" or "strained" and was used to describe the athlete who runs strenuously to finish their race in the best possible way. Consider that word picture applied to love.

We are not being instructed to have deep feelings for one another, but rather to actively and strenuously love one another. This means we must act - and act sacrificially. As one commentator puts it, "This kind of strenuously maintained love is not blind, but sees and accepts the flaws of others." We love not just those who are worthy of love, but all, and especially our brothers and sisters in Christ.

Peter doesn't just tell us to love strenuously though; he also describes what that love will look like. It will cause us to sacrifice our home and food. It cause us to speaks words of encouragement and challenge. It will cause us to serve and to give up our time and strength. It will cause us to give up our own resources and talents in love - so that Jesus Christ would be glorified in our action.

## 5 DAY READING PLAN

### DAY 1

#### 1 PETER 4:1-2

*What does it say?*

*What does it mean?*

*How should I respond?*

### DAY 2

#### 1 PETER 4:3-4

*What does it say?*

*What does it mean?*

*How should I respond?*

### DAY 3

#### 1 PETER 4:5-6

*What does it say?*

*What does it mean?*

*How should I respond?*

### DAY 4

#### 1 PETER 4:7-9

*What does it say?*

*What does it mean?*

*How should I respond?*

### DAY 5

#### 1 PETER 4:10-11

*What does it say?*

*What does it mean?*

*How should I respond?*