

# Living for God like Jesus

1 Peter 4:1-11



## Games

1-6

3  $\neq$  Ways to Live

The game | "Real life" | Eternal life

7-11



## The Big Idea

When the game ends, the money is worthless  
When this life ends, the "currency" is worthless

**Like Jesus, live for God's coming Kingdom**

## Application

### Be holy

Moral goodness AND set apart for God

Sin = prioritizing this life over God

Pleasure, career, family, social causes, ...

Instead: have the same view as Jesus

Willing to sacrifice today  $\neq$  to please God

Live life "in view of Christ's appearing and Christ's Kingdom"

### Pray

Connect the hidden values and power of Christ's Kingdom to today

Requires an alert and sober mind/heart

Enables sacrificial following and sacrificial love

## Love and serve

Determined love

A warm welcome

Use what God has given to serve God's people

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### Reflection Questions for later today or this week...

1. How would you describe the attitude that Jesus had for how He lived? What would it mean for us to "arm" ourselves with that same attitude?
2. What are the human desires that pull you away from living for the will of God? Remember that even good things can pull us away from following God. Is there a step you will take to be more holy (both morally good, and set apart for God)?
3. How can prayer connect us with the hidden values and power of Christ's Kingdom? How can prayer enable us to follow and love sacrificially? Is there a step you will take to pray as God calls us to pray?
4. What gift(s) have you received that can be used to serve others? How can you develop that gift? How can you be more effective in serving others with that gift?
5. What does it look like for you to love other Christians with determination? What is a way that you can give others a warm welcome, both socially and practically?

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### Conversation starters

How should the certainty of our death affect how we live?