

# It Won't Be Long Now

1Peter 4:1-11

## Rapid-fire Round-up:

Each member of the group states a **word or phrase** that comes to mind when thinking of the Rapid-fire word. You have 10 seconds to answer, or you can say "skip!"

Rapid-fire word = **Hospitality**

## Your takeaway:

What insight, principle, or observation from this weekend's message did you find to be most helpful, eye-opening, or troubling? Explain?

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### Because the end is near...

While at work, you hear that your district manager will be dropping in for a visit today. Describe how your attitude and actions might change upon learning this? How is Christ's second coming motivating for the Christian?

#### 1. Defeat sin (1-6)

##### Three Keys

##### a. Suffer with a Christ-like attitude

Regarding suffering, Pastor Jeff stated "It's an opportunity to step up in my service rather than step back in my service." How would you expect a Christian to respond differently to suffering than a nonbeliever?

##### b. Resist evil human desires

Pastor Jeff mentioned that whatever is standing in the way of God being first and foremost in your life is an idol. Not all idols start out as evil things. How can a seemingly harmless thing turn into an idol for a Christian?

##### c. Rest in God's Judgment

Christians can rest assured that God will judge those that ridicule believers. However, what happens when a Christian lacks the humility of Christ while being ridiculed?

#### 2. Be clear minded (7-9)

Peter says we should be clear minded and self-controlled so that we can pray. What happens when you try to pray when not "clear minded" (for instance, when something is coming between you and God)?

In verse 9, Peter says to have hospitality without griping about it. Describe the attitude of a Christian that does Christian activities without Christian motivations?

#### 3. Serve others (10-11)

What happens when we exercise our spiritual gifts in our own strength instead of in God's strength?

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What else have we not talked about from this sermon and this passage that you need to apply?