What do you think it means that “love covers a multitude of sins”? (Also look at Proverbs 10:12)

What is the purpose of the gifts we receive from God? How should we exercise them?

What is the ultimate goal? How does this relate to both verse 7, and the theme of being God’s representatives in the world?

Thinking about what we have read, what areas do you find most difficult to put into practice?

Study 6: Living for God

Reading: 1Peter 4:1 - 11

What is your attitude to sin?

<u>Read 1Peter 4:1 - 11:</u>

In v1 Peter draws attention to our attitude. What attitude does this verse ask us to adopt?

What was the past behavior of Peter’s readers?

How does the attitude we have affect the behavior we do?

What is the Gentile reaction to their new behavior? Have you experienced this?

In verse 7, Peter urges his readers to do two things: to be self-controlled and to be clear minded. How are these two commands related to the imminent end of all things?

What does v5 tell us about judgment?

How does this way of life compare with the pagan behavior of verses 3 and 4?

Why is this important? What does this say about God?

How is this way of life helpful for prayer?

What is the only way men and women can pass through God's judgment and see life on the other side (Look at v6 and also 1Peter 3:18)

Verse 7 relates to our own personal thinking and self-control; from verse 8, Peter turns to how we treat others.
How should we love?