***In Times Like These - James, Peter, John, Jude***

**Lesson 11**

**Make the Most of Your Time**

Read I Peter 4

Memory Work: I Peter 4:12,13 (more if you are able)

1.a. Make a list of the activities in which you are involved in a typical week and how much time you

spend on each activity?

b. How can we make our time here count for eternity?

2.a. What is the “therefore” referring back to?

b. Peter urges his readers to arm themselves with a mindset which is:

See also Philippians 2:5-11.

c. Peter says, “he who has suffered in the flesh has ceased from sin.” In what sense have you suffered

and are now finished with sin?

Evaluate and

Explain Those who serve God faithfully in the midst of suffering take on a different attitude toward sin. Sin no longer has a grip on them.

d. What do unbelievers think is strange? I Peter 4:4.

e. One day, these unbelievers will give an account of how they have lived. Before Whom will they

stand? See Revelation 20:11-15.

f. Is anyone really free to do as he/she pleases?

3.a. How could Peter give the warning that “the end of all things is at hand” in his day? I Peter 4:7.

b. What kind of attitude should we have toward Christ’s return. . .why?

c. If the end of all things is at hand, what positive things does Peter instruct us to do? Verses 7-10.

. . .are these optional?

d. Why would hospitality be so important in Peter’s day?

e. What does verse 10 tell us about why God gives us gifts?

f. With whose ability are these gifts carried out?

g. So who gets the glory? Verse 11.

4.a. Do you think most Christians think they won’t have to suffer because they are Christians?

b. What does Peter tell them? Verse 12,13,14.

c. What is the purpose of fiery trials?

d. What are Christians never to suffer as? Verse 15.

e. Why do you think being a busybody is on the same level as being a murderer or a thief?

f. If you suffer as a Christian, what opportunity does this afford? Verse 16.

g. What do believers have that enables them to rejoice in the midst of trials?

5.a. What must begin at the house of God. . .why there?

Think about b. Do you think revival will come to our country?

c. What will be the end of those who don’t believe. . .do you think this is fair?

d. How might revival in the church be a catalyst for those who don’t believe?

e. Why would Peter quote Proverbs 11:31 here? Verse 18.

6.a. The “therefore” in verse 19 refers back to what?

b. What cost might it mean to you, personally, if you would begin to entrust yourself to Him?

c. We are to continue doing g \_ \_ \_ because He is our f \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ c\_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_.

d. What does this mean to you?