

**Foundational Truth:** God's Plan For A New Creation (World) Is In Its \_\_\_\_\_ .

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1. In verse 7, Peter emphasizes that the "end of all things is near" meaning that Jesus' return and the New Creation could come at any moment. What would be your priorities in life if you knew for certain Jesus was returning a year from today?

2. In verse 7, Peter exhorts Christians to be "clear minded", especially since the "end is near." Read Luke 21:34 where Jesus gives a similar warning.

**A.** In your opinion, what are some specific things or concerns of this world that might muddle our thinking or "weigh down (distract)" our hearts?

**B.** How will the Christian's prayer life be negatively affected when their minds and hearts are primarily focused on this world's concerns?

3. In verse 8, Peter says to love each other "above all." Why do you think the Bible so emphasizes the importance and priority of Christians loving fellow Christians?

4. In verse 8, Peter says that "love covers a multitude of sins." What is the difference between covering other's sins and excusing other's sins?

5. Read the description of love in 1 Corinthians 13:4-7.

**A.** Which of these characteristics of love do you think is practice best (not perfectly) in your life?

**B.** Which of these characteristics of love you think needs much improvement in your life?

6. In verse 9, and throughout the Bible, hospitality is greatly emphasized as an important virtue for God's people.

**A.** What does biblical hospitality look like today?

**B.** Who is the most hospitable person that you know?

7. In verse 10, Christians are told to "use whatever gift he has received to serve others..." What would you or other people say are the gifts that God has given to you in order to help others?