



### **Week 3 | Open Door | May 21**

#### **Key Focus: Stretch out love.**

#### **Opening Up:**

What food most reminds you of home? Why?

What is a comfort item that you make sure is in your home? Explain.

When you travel away from home, what do you miss most?

Is there a good gift of God that you hope will be apart of our forever home with God?

#### **Reference: 1 Peter 4:7-11**

#### **Discuss:**

1. If you disengage in the darkness, you might start believing the darkness will overcome you.
  1. Why is it easy to disengage from God and others in dark times?
  2. Why does darkness feel so powerfully?
  3. How does believing that the end of darkness is "at hand" help you in your current darkness? (Revelations 22:5)
2. How can we be "sober minded" and "self-controlled" in our prayer life when we face dark times? (4:7)
3. Prayer allows you to reach up through the temporary pain of the present and to touch the eternal grace of our forever future.
  1. When has prayer helped you to rise up out of the darkness?
  2. How has prayer revealed God's victorious grace to you?
  3. How has prayer open the door of your heart to share God's grace?
4. How does the earnest (stretched out) love of God for you help you to cover sin with love? (4:8)
5. How has God's "stretched out" love for you helped you to stretch out love for someone else? Tell the story.
6. When we "stretch out" love and bring people home in hospitality, there is a cost. What is the cost of hospitality? (4:9)
7. Why does being hospitable sometimes cause you to grumble about it? (4:9)
8. What gift has God given you to stretch out love with? How can you steward that gift? (4:10)
9. What when serve, we should serve from God's supply. (4:11)
  1. Where do you need God's supply in your life?
  2. When has God given you his supply in the past?
10. Pray in light of 4:11. Let's make sure all of the supply comes from God and all of the glory goes to God.