

# DEVOTEMENT

A CALL TO...



... SERVE



... BAPTISM



... COMMITMENT



... GIVING

## Devotement | A Call To...Serve | 1 Peter 4:1-11

1. How would you define a fully committed follower of Jesus? What does one look like in the everyday world of Christchurch?
2. Sharing with genuine humility (not declaring yourself to be less or more than you are), which areas of your Christian life are going well for you? Where are you flourishing?
3. Are there any areas where your Christian walk is more of a struggle? Try to be vulnerable but only share what you feel comfortable sharing.
4. Has there been one book or resource which has particularly encouraged you in your Christian walk? What is it?
5. Read 1 Peter 4:1-11. Discuss the context. What stands out to you from the text? Why?
6. Chris said Peter's message in verses 1-6 is '*Stop sinning*'. In verses 7-11, his message is '*start serving*'. Why do you think this message was significant for a suffering church?
7. Does Peter think Jesus was about to return, or, that his listeners were about to die, or, both? Discuss. How should this message challenge the 21<sup>st</sup> Century church?
8. Duncan Campbell, a Scottish Church Minister, once spoke of being '*well-saved*'. What does a well-saved person look like according to Peter?
9. How is '*loving others deeply*' an act of service? Can you think of an occasion when someone has done this for you?
10. Discuss being '*hospitable without grumbling*'. Why can hospitality be so hard today? What does good hospitality even look like, especially if it is not primarily about throwing dinner parties?
11. What strategies are you deploying to be a selfLESS person in a selfie world?
12. Read verses 10-11 again. How do these verses challenge you and especially your motivation for serving others well? What should our motivation be?