CALLED TO BE DIFFERENT

Teaching Series from 1 Peter

**Hill Cliffe Study Guide
Sunday 19 February 2023**

Please read *1 Peter 4:7-19*

Praying
v7 Therefore be alert and of sober mind so that you may pray
Consider 1 Peter 1:13 and Tripp's definition of sober-mindedness – 'living with single minded focus, living with eternity in view'
1. Why do you think Peter selects alertness and being of sober mind as being so important for prayer?
2. Where do we see Jesus demonstrating these attributes?
3. What keeps us from being spiritually alert/being sober minded and how are we going to address this?

Loving
v8 Above all, love each other deeply, because love covers a multitude of sins
The Greek word for loving deeply/fervently is ektene which means a horse at full gallop or an athlete straining to win a race.
4. Does this help us understand what Peter is getting at?
5. What examples would you point to of Jesus demonstrating deep love?
6. What holds us back from loving each other deeply and what practical step will we take to love deeper?

Serving
v10 Each of your should use whatever gift you have received to serve others
7. What gifts do we have?
8. Could we do with asking other people their thoughts?
9. How does reflecting on Jesus as the Servant King, help us to think through what our service should look like?
V11 says 'If anyone serves they should do so with the strength God provides, so that in all things God may be praised through Jesus Christ'.
10. Do we try and serve in our own strength rather than God's and/or have we lost sight of the goal of our service? If so, how are we going to correct that?

Suffering
11. Do any of the following 5 key principles Peter pulls out regarding suffering as a Christian particularly resonate with you at the moment?
Do not be surprised by it
Do not be discouraged by it
Do not suffer for the wrong stuff
Do remember we will all one day come before God
Do commit ourselves to God, even more so in the tough times
12. How might they practically help us when dealing with trials and opposition?