**Kingdom Disciples Series October 17, 2021**

*A Disciple Serves – 1 Peter 4:7-10*

1. A disciple serves because **Christ could return imminently**

* Peter felt the rising persecution indicated Christ was coming back soon
	+ He wanted the believers to stay focused on prayer, keeping a clear mind and conscious before the Lord

2. A disciple serves because **it is our way to express love**

* This is unconditional, unending love toward one another
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3. A disciple serves **without complaining**

* Because the end of all things is near…
* Because of Christ’s love for us…
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	+ I can serve brothers and sisters in Christ as well as those outside of the church gladly, willingly, and without grumbling

4. A disciple serves through the **grace gifts** that the Holy Spirit imparts to every believer

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