

# ALIENATED

THE GOSPEL IN A POST-CHRISTIAN WORLD



## Scripture

*<sup>7</sup>The end of all things is at hand; therefore be self-controlled and sober-minded for the sake of your prayers. <sup>8</sup>Above all, keep loving one another earnestly, since love covers a multitude of sins. <sup>9</sup>Show hospitality to one another without grumbling. <sup>10</sup>As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace: <sup>11</sup>whoever speaks, as one who speaks oracles of God; whoever serves, as one who serves by the strength that God supplies—in order that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ. To him belong glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen. (1 Peter 4:7-11 ESV)*

## Outline

Big Idea: Steward your mindset, experiences, and skills for the glory of God

Point 1. Our intentions should be colored by God's love

Point 2. Our gifts should be used to bring God glory

# Discussion Questions

**Icebreaker:** How have you shown love or used your spiritual gifts and talents to benefit other people (not in your family) this past week?

## **Point 1: Our intentions should be colored by God's love**

- How does 1 Peter 4:8 challenge us to examine our motives and intentions?
- How does the phrase "be sober-minded" relate to our intentions? What does it mean to be sober-minded in a world full of distractions and temptations?
- What does it mean to "love one another deeply" in the context of our daily lives? How can we demonstrate this love in practical ways?

## **Point 2: Our gifts should be used to bring God glory**

- According to Peter, why does God give us "gifts?" How does this serve as motivation for us to use our gifts?
- What are some specific examples of how we can use our gifts and abilities to serve God and others?
- What are some potential obstacles or challenges we might face in using our gifts for God's glory? How can we overcome these challenges?

## **Application Questions:**

- How are our "spiritual gifts" different from our natural talents or abilities? How do we discover and develop our spiritual gifts?
- What is one gift you think each group member has? How could that gift be used to show love?
- Reflect on how your life would look different if you knew Jesus was returning tomorrow. With that in view, identify one thing in your life that you would like to change by God's grace and share that with your group.

# Your Prayer

Write out a three-sentence prayer based off this passage.