



Sermon Growth Guide

February 14, 2021

Here We Go! - Make Beauty

1 Peter 4:1-11

Key Verse: 1 Peter 4:11 “If anyone speaks, they should do so as one who speaks the very words of God. If anyone serves, they should do so with the strength God provides so that in all things God may be praised through Jesus Christ. To him be the glory and the power for ever and ever. Amen.”

Big Idea: Value #7 Make Beauty: Creativity reflects the goodness of God our Maker.

Foundations

Our sermon text this week calls us to be “faithful stewards of God’s grace in its various forms,” (4:10). Pastor Tim writes, “you get to be a vehicle for God’s grace to enter this broken, hurting world. God’s grace in all its various forms flows through you into culture when you use whatever gift you have received to serve, to bless.”

There is a clear parallel between stewarding God’s grace to serve others and our seventh value, “Make Beauty.” When we make beauty, we usher in God’s shalom into a fragmented world, shining God’s Light and Life into the crevasses of the broken culture around us, creating a new culture, a culture that more purely reflects the Kingdom of Heaven.

Gathered together with your circle, open your time of study in prayer. Ask the Spirit to guide and guard your spiritual formation, your growth in Christ. Pray to be given the eyes of the heart to see where and how you can make beauty for the glory of God.

Understanding God’s Word

What are we called to arm ourselves with in verse 1? And what ought the believer live for in verse 2?

Work your way through verses 7–11, discussing each imperative for the believer.

Applying God’s Word

Our seventh value challenges us to look at our surroundings through the lens of the inbreaking Kingdom of God and “make beauty.” We are called to create in such a way that those around us see God’s grace in their life. Creativity reflects the goodness of God our Maker. How can you even more so embody our seventh value of making beauty?

Witnessing God’s Word

Discern together how you can each do something this week to make the world around you shimmer a little more with God’s grace. Identify a yet-believer near you and discern together how you can offer something beautiful to them—a hello, a phone call, a meal. Making beauty comes in endless shapes and sizes. Pray together for this person that they would come to know Jesus.