

STUDYING THE BOOK OF 1 PETER
IN SMALL GROUP DISCUSSIONS

Lesson 9 - To Elders and Young Men - 1 Peter 5:1-14

Read the following verses in the New International Version or a translation of your choice. Then discuss the questions that follow. Questions should be studied by each individual before your discussion group meets.

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1PE 5:1 To the elders among you, I appeal as a fellow elder, a witness of Christ's sufferings and one who also will share in the glory to be revealed: [2] Be shepherds of God's flock that is under your care, serving as overseers--not because you must, but because you are willing, as God wants you to be; not greedy for money, but eager to serve; [3] not lording it over those entrusted to you, but being examples to the flock. [4] And when the Chief Shepherd appears, you will receive the crown of glory that will never fade away.

1PE 5:5 Young men, in the same way be submissive to those who are older. All of you, clothe yourselves with humility toward one another, because,

"God opposes the proud
but gives grace to the humble."

1PE 5:6 Humble yourselves, therefore, under God's mighty hand, that he may lift you up in due time. [7] Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you.

1PE 5:8 Be self-controlled and alert. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour. [9] Resist him, standing firm in the faith, because you know that your brothers throughout the world are undergoing the same kind of sufferings.

1PE 5:10 And the God of all grace, who called you to his eternal glory in Christ, after you have suffered a little while, will himself restore you and make you strong, firm and steadfast. [11] To him be the power for ever and ever. Amen.

1PE 5:12 With the help of Silas, whom I regard as a faithful brother, I have written to you briefly, encouraging you and testifying that this is the true grace of God. Stand fast in it.

1PE 5:13 She who is in Babylon, chosen together with you, sends you her greetings, and so does my son Mark. [14] Greet one another with a kiss of love.
Peace to all of you who are in Christ.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

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104. To whom did Peter appeal? (5:1)
105. What did Peter instruct elders to do? (5:2)
106. What instructions did Peter give concerning greed? (5:2)
107. How did Peter tell elders not to lead? (5:3)
108. How did Peter tell elders to lead? (5:3)
109. What reward were elders going to receive when the Chief Shepherd appeared? (5:4)
110. What were the young men encouraged to do? (5:5)
111. Why were all the readers encouraged to clothe themselves with humility? (5:5)
112. Why were these believers encouraged to humble themselves? (5:6)
113. What did Peter tell his readers to do with their anxieties? (5:7)
114. What did Peter say the devil was doing? (5:8)
115. How were these believers instructed to respond to the devil? (5:9)
116. To what did Peter say these believers had been called? (5:10)
117. What did Peter assure his readers God would do after they had suffered a little while? (5:10)
118. What did Silas help Peter do? (5:12)
119. Who sent greetings along with Peter? (5:13)
120. How did Peter tell these believers to greet one another? (5:14)

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