

8. Review the four things Peter anticipated for his Christian friends who were being persecuted (5:10). What do these terms imply? In what ways do you need these qualities?

Sermon Notes

"Weapons for Wounded Warriors"

1 Peter 5:5-14

December 13, 2015

Introduction:

9. "Silas" and "Silvanus" (5:12) were Greek and Latin versions of the same name. Silas was an important leader in the early church (Acts 15:22, 32, 40). John Mark (5:13) had often visited Peter when both had belonged to the Jerusalem church (Acts 12:12-18). He traveled with Paul and Barnabas (Acts 12:25; 15:36-39) and likely wrote most of his Gospel from Peter's teaching. What do you learn about the early Church from the words "brother" (5:12), "son" (5:13), and "kiss of love" (5:14)?

How might you help your church or study group to better reflect these type of relationships?

Let's Pray:

For our missionaries:

Mike and Patty King - Youth for Christ, Fargo, ND

Pray for Mike as he ministers to kids and shares the love of God.

What do you learn about God from this passage? What actions and attributes of His are noted? Use these to express your praise to Him.

1. Be _____ (5:5-7).

2. Be _____ (5:8-9).

Conclusion:

Growth Group Homework

For the week of 12-13-15

Questions adapted from 1 Peter: Life Change Series, NavPress, Colorado Springs, CO, 1986, pp. 110-121; Warren W. Wiersbe, Be Hopeful, Victor Books, Wheaton, IL, 1982, p. 155; John MacArthur, 1 & 2 Peter: Courage in Times of Trouble, Thomas Nelson, Nashville, TN, 2007, pp. 57-64; James Galvin, ed., et al., New Testament Lesson Maker, NavPress, Colorado Springs, CO, 1992, pp. 316.

Getting Started:

1. How do you define “humility”? Why is it such a rare commodity today, even in the church?

Digging Deeper:

2. READ: 1 Peter 5:5-14. Toward whom should Christians humble themselves (5:5, 6)?
3. Think of one or two practical ways in which you could “clothe” yourself with humility toward another person this week – someone toward whom you have difficulty *feeling* humble.

4. “Cast” (5:7; NIV) is literally, “casting.” Verse 7 depends on and explains verse 6. Why is casting all your anxiety on God (5:7) an action of humility (5:6)? How can we cast our anxieties on the Lord?
5. How might you go about applying 5:6-7 to your relationship with God this week? What worries will you cast upon God?
6. **For thought and discussion:** Mention of “God’s mighty hand” (5:6) alludes to God’s sovereign control over our lives, including the painful circumstances of persecution. When do you think it is biblically appropriate to accept one’s circumstances and bear up under them as an expression of humbling oneself before God, and when is it biblically appropriate to try to change one’s painful circumstances for the better?
7. How does Peter describe the devil (5:8-9)? What does this reveal about the devil’s nature? How can we resist the devil’s attempts to devour us?