

Shepherd, Serve, Stand

On This Rock: The Unshakeable Hope of 1 & 2 Peter

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Notes

Questions for Personal Reflection and Group Discussion

1. Read 1 Peter 5:1-5.

How does Peter describe himself in these verses?

What instructions does Peter give to those who have been entrusted with leadership responsibilities?

In your own life, who has God placed under your leadership?

Whose leadership has God given you to follow?

What character quality does Peter say should mark our leadership?

What reward does Peter say we can look forward to if we lead with humility? What consequence is there for those who don't?

2. Read 1 Peter 5:6-9.

What five instructions does Peter give to us in these verses and which of them challenges you the most?

What does it mean in practical terms to give your worries and concerns to God? What happens when you do that?

Have you ever experienced the fear or intimidation that comes with being persecuted by Satan? How did you respond? How aware are you of what believers in other parts of the world endure?

Which of the instructions in this passage is the Holy Spirit nudging you to follow more fully? What step of obedience will you take?

3. Read 1 Peter 5:10-13.

In what way are you encouraged by Peter's benediction at the end of this letter? What words or truths stand out to you?

How have you seen or experienced God's grace in the middle of difficult circumstances?

Peter ends his letter with the words, "Peace be to all of you who are in Christ." How does being in Christ bring peace to your life today?

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How does that impact your perspective about whatever the future may hold for you?