

# SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What do the three leadership names within the church signify?
2. In what situation in your life are you under fire for Christ and how are you now going to respond based on this passage?
3. How is being a pastor different than other jobs?
4. Why is being a follower so key to the Christian life?
5. What is the formula for a life lived in living hope and how can it be lived out in our lives?
6. How do we overestimate the devil? Underestimate?
7. Why is grace so important as we stand firm in Christ?

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Answers to fill in the blanks:  
 1. LEADERS A. MATURITY, PASTORS, ORGANIZATIONAL B. JOB, GREEDY, ENTHUSIASM, EXAMPLE  
 2. FOLLOWERS A. CHURCH B. DISCIPLE  
 3. HUMILITY A. EACH OTHER B. GOD (1) DISCIPLINE, DELIVERANCE (2) SUBMISSION, HUMBLE, WORRIES  
 4. DEVIL A. OVERESTIMATE, UNDERESTIMATE B. LIMITLESS POWER  
 5. FIRM A. TEMPORARY B. GRACE  
 FINAL REMARKS A. CHURCH IN ROME B. SPIRITUAL

# SERMON NOTES

## WHAT IS IT GOING TO TAKE FOR THE CHURCH TO SURVIVE?

FIRST PETER 5:1-14

**MAIN IDEA:** PETER ENDS HIS LETTER BY SPELLING OUT THE STRATEGY FOR THE CHURCH NOT ONLY TO SURVIVE BUT TO STAND FIRM BY FAITH IN THE LIVING HOPE OF JESUS CHRIST.

*Question: What is it going to take for the church to survive?*

### 1. IT TAKES GODLY \_\_\_\_\_ 5:1-4

1 Peter 5:1–4 (CSB)

<sup>1</sup> I exhort the elders among you as a fellow elder and witness to the sufferings of Christ, as well as one who shares in the glory about to be revealed: <sup>2</sup> Shepherd God’s flock among you, not overseeing out of compulsion but willingly, as God would have you; not out of greed for money but eagerly; <sup>3</sup> not lording it over those entrusted to you, but being examples to the flock. <sup>4</sup> And when the chief Shepherd appears, you will receive the unfading crown of glory.

- A. Elders – presbyteros – spiritual \_\_\_\_\_  
 Shepherds – \_\_\_\_\_ – feeding, protecting, leading  
 Overseers – episkopeo – \_\_\_\_\_ oversight
- B. Practical Attitudes for Church Leaders:

Not Just a \_\_\_\_\_

Not \_\_\_\_\_

Heart-felt \_\_\_\_\_

Leads by \_\_\_\_\_

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### 2. IT TAKES FAITHFUL \_\_\_\_\_ 5:5a

1 Peter 5:5a (CSB)

<sup>5</sup> In the same way, you who are younger, be subject to the elders.

A. Christians are to submit to all authorities including those within the \_\_\_\_\_.

B. Young believers need spiritually mature believers to mentor and \_\_\_\_\_ them.

### 3. IT TAKES \_\_\_\_\_ 5:5b-7

1 Peter 5:5b–7 (CSB)

All of you clothe yourselves with humility toward one another, because **God resists the proud but gives grace to the humble.** <sup>6</sup> Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God, so that he may exalt you at the proper time, <sup>7</sup> casting all your cares on him, because he cares about you.

A. Christians are to practice humility toward \_\_\_\_\_.

B. Christians are to be humble before \_\_\_\_\_.

1) God's hand in the Old Testament represented two things:

\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.  
Humbling ourselves means we accept whatever comes from him. (Exodus 3:20, Deuteronomy 9:26)

2) A life lived in Living Hope:

\_\_\_\_\_ to others *plus*

\_\_\_\_\_ before God *minus*

the \_\_\_\_\_ of the World

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### 4. IT TAKES RESISTING THE \_\_\_\_\_ 5:8-9

1 Peter 5:8–9 (CSB)

<sup>8</sup> Be sober-minded, be alert. Your adversary the devil is prowling around like a roaring lion, looking for anyone he can devour. <sup>9</sup> Resist him, firm in the faith, knowing that the same kind of sufferings are being experienced by your fellow believers throughout the world.

A. We should not \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_ the power of the devil.

B. When we draw upon God's \_\_\_\_\_ through faith in Christ, we can stand against the devil's attacks.

### 5. IT TAKES STANDING \_\_\_\_\_ 5:10-12

1 Peter 5:10–12 (CSB)

<sup>10</sup> The God of all grace, who called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, establish, strengthen, and support you after you have suffered a little while. <sup>11</sup> To him be dominion forever. Amen. <sup>12</sup> Through Silvanus, a faithful brother (as I consider him), I have written to you briefly in order to encourage you and to testify that this is the true grace of God. Stand firm in it!

A. For believers, suffering is \_\_\_\_\_!

B. The Church must stand firm in God's \_\_\_\_\_!

### FINAL REMARKS 5:13-14

1 Peter 5:13–14 (CSB)

<sup>13</sup> She who is in Babylon, chosen together with you, sends you greetings, as does Mark, my son. <sup>14</sup> Greet one another with a kiss of love. Peace to all of you who are in Christ.

A. "She", "Babylon" is cryptic for the \_\_\_\_\_.

B. "Mark" is Peter's \_\_\_\_\_ son, the Gospel writer.