

May 7, 2017

1 Peter: Suffering

Text: 1 Peter 5:1-5

Read together as a group the text we looked at this Sunday 1 Peter 5:1-5.

In this series we have talked at length about being persecuted form people outside the church but in this passage Peter is clear that sometimes suffering happens inside the church. What is a difficult situation you have walked through inside the church?

Leadership is an issue all of us have an opinion about. Peter calls leaders in the church to lead as shepherds. What would that look like to lead in that way as a shepherd? What kind of leader do you long to follow?

Peter calls people in the church to **be** people of significance before we just **do** things seeking significance. **What would it look like for you to live this out?**

What does it mean to become a person of humility? When you think of humility what comes to mind?

What does a prideful person look like and when are you most tempted to embrace pride?

The opposite of living in humility is living immersed in pride. How does pride impact your relationship with God?

At the center of pride is a feeling that we are better than others. We all do this. Who are people that you feel tempted to overlook and look down on?

How does God's grace shape your character? Does the idea of God's grace lead you toward humility?

What can you do this week to treat each person you come in contact with with the humble perspective of that they matter deeply?