
GROUP DISCUSSION

Prayer Requests:

Group Discussion: When you were in Jr. High/ High School did you have any anxiety or worry about fitting in or not being embarrassed?

Read: I Peter 5:7-14

How do I battle with worry? What one area of your life causes you the most worry?

#1. RECOGNIZE GOD CARES FOR YOU. Vs. 7, Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you. How do you know God cares for you? How does that differ from how people care for each other? How did your parents care for you when you were sick: hover, ignore, isolate? How do/did you care for your child when they're sick?

#2. RESIST YOUR ADVERSARY. VS. 8-9...standing firm in the faith, because you know that the family of believers throughout the world is undergoing the same kind of sufferings. What do you most stand firm for: truthfulness, just treatment, kindness and politeness, or honesty? If you had to pick one of those areas for growth which would it be? Which area does Satan most often tempt you to fail?

#3. RESTORE THOUGHTS OF YOUR REWARD. VS. 10-11, 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. "Faith is remembering the long-term value when you're paying the short-term cost." Do you agree or disagree with that statement? How long do you think Peter felt was, "a little while?" Name something you'd consider suffering versus just an inconvenience.

#4. RUN OFTEN TO THE GRACE OF GOD. VS. 12-14...this is the true grace of God. Stand fast in it. What area of your life does your family give you the most grace? In what area of your life does God give you the most grace to handle difficulty?

Family Time: Read I Peter 5:9 and talk to your kids about standing firm in the family of believers. The concept of loving loyalty. Have each child go outside, close the door, have them ring the doorbell and then enthusiastically over the top welcome them home!!! That's loving loyalty!