

Thriving as Exiles
God's Mighty Hand
1 Peter 5:6-11

Growth Group Questions

1. What stood out to you most from Jimmy's message this past sunday?
2. Why do you think Peter points out in verse 9 that other Christians are suffering too? How does this thought affect you?
3. God is the one who makes us firm in our faith (1 Peter 5:10), and yet we are commanded to stand firm ourselves (1 Corinthians 16:13). Talk about the connection between these two. How have you found this working in your own experience?

Next week: 1 Peter 5:12-14

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4. In verse 10 it says “ 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.” Often we see or experience suffering that lasts more than a “little while”. How do we live in the tension of knowing that this lifetime is just a short time in regards to eternity?
5. We see calls to stay alert or keep watch in 1 Peter 5:8, Matthew 25:1-13, Matthew 26:36-46 and Mark 13:33-37. What do these calls to stay alert mean for our lives? What do these different calls have in common with each other?
6. This passage is filled with lots of promises. Is there a promise that stands out to you? If you feel comfortable, share with the group how this promise affects your life?
7. In The Screwtape Letters, C.S. Lewis says “There are two equal and opposite errors into which our race can fall about the devils. One is to disbelieve in their existence. The other is to believe, and to feel an excessive and unhealthy interest in them. They themselves are equally pleased by both errors and hail a materialist or a magician with the same delight.” How does this quote make you think about your view of the devil?