

It's important that God's Word continues after the message. At Celebrate, we find that you will quite often talk over this week's message long after our experience is over. That's because God has impact. The Sermon Discussion Guide is designed to help you continue the conversation all week.

# Finishing Well – 1 Peter 5:5-11

## Four Things to Finishing Well:

1. Do not be **ARROGANT**.

Two Expressions of Authentic Humility:

- 1. Love toward **ONE ANOTHER**.
- 2. Love toward **GOD**.

How does our love for one another and our love for God express itself in humility? How does pride hinder our love?

1 Peter 5:5-6; John 13:34; Ephesians 5:1; John 15:13

### 2. Do not be **ANXIOUS**.

Are anxiety and faith compatible? How does our anxiety distract us from our focus on God? *1 Peter 5:7; Matthew 6: 25-33; Philippians 4:6* 

### 3. Be on the **ALERT**.

Two prominent lies of the devil:

- 1. BUSYNESS.
- 2. HURRY.

Three Things to Being on the Alert:

- 1. **RESPECT** the devil.
- 2. **RECOGNIZE** the devil.
- 3. **RESIST** the devil.

How does the devil use busyness and hurry to distract you from living the life God has planned for you? How do the above strategies help us to "be on the alert" for the devil?

Luke 21:34; James 4:7; Ephesians 6:17; 2 Corinthians 10:4-5; Philippians 4:8

#### 4. Stand **ASSURED.**

What is the source of your assurance? How does that assurance empower you to live as an effective Christian?

Psalm 57:1-11; 1 Peter 5:9; 1 Corinthians 15:58

### What's Next

- Finishing well is a spiritual attitude, an exercise to be lived out daily.
- If you don't already make daily time to be in the Bible, change that by setting your alarm earlier and making time in the morning.
- Smile and stand firm; God is on his throne.