



## **GROUP GUIDE – The BOOK - Week 9**

### **A STUDY THROUGH 1 PETER**

**ARRIVAL / CONNECTING and SNACK:** (15 minutes) Spend time catching up and socializing with one another. Follow up on prayer requests and any action steps from your last time together.

**SHORT OPENING PRAYER FOR YOUR TIME TOGETHER:** (2 minutes)

**SCRIPTURE and DISCUSSION:** (50-60 minutes) Open your Bibles and read **1 Peter 5** together, slowly enough for everyone to enjoy, then take a few moments to quietly reflect. Then with each Scripture passage below, have a different person re-read the passage, and discuss the questions.

#### **1 Peter 5:1-4**

- What are some of the struggles or challenges you think the elders face at ChangePoint?
- What are some ways we can be praying for the elders of our church as they lead us?

#### **1 Peter 5:5-8**

- The fact that you are in this discussion shows that you have coaches available to you. What are some areas of your life that you have allowed others to coach you? Give an example of a time you humbled yourself to someone else's coaching as part of your sanctification process (process of becoming more like Christ).

#### **1 Peter 5:9**

- Do you find encouragement through others who are in the same "fight" as you? Share a time where companions or friends made the difference in you getting through a hard time or not.

#### **1 Peter 5:10-11**

- Read Revelation 21:1-7 with the group
- Is there an instance you can think of, in a very trying situation, where you were encouraged amid the struggle because you knew the end result was worth it? (childbirth pain, grad school, fitness, etc.)
- How does knowing the end of history effect your daily life?

**SURRENDER:** (15 minutes)

- How can you submit yourself to the "coaches" in your life this week? What are some blind areas someone else might be able to help you see clearly?
- What is one way you can keep in contact with your "companions in the fight" this week? How can you encourage each other?
- What is one truth about God and His character that you can remind yourself of this week that will help you trust Him?
- What is one area of your life that you have doubted Him that the rest of the group can pray for?

**PRAYER:** (10 min) Pray for one another in light of what has been shared.