

Sermon-Based Discussion Guide

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BIBLE PASSAGES - 1 Peter 4:19-5:11

1 Peter 4:19 *Therefore let those who suffer according to God's will entrust their souls to a faithful Creator while doing good.*

*So I exhort the elders among you, as a fellow elder and a witness of the sufferings of Christ, as well as a partaker in the glory that is going to be revealed: **2** shepherd the flock of God that is among you, exercising oversight, not under compulsion, but willingly, as God would have you; not for shameful gain, but eagerly; **3** not domineering over those in your charge, but being examples to the flock. **4** And when the chief Shepherd appears, you will receive the unfading crown of glory. **5** Likewise, you who are younger, be subject to the elders. Clothe yourselves, all of you, with humility toward one another, for "God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble."*

6 *Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God so that at the proper time he may exalt you, **7** casting all your anxieties on him, because he cares for you. **8** Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour. **9** Resist him, firm in your faith, knowing that the same kinds of suffering are being experienced by your brotherhood throughout the world. **10** And after you have suffered a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, confirm, strengthen, and establish you. **11** To him be the dominion forever and ever. Amen.*

Other Passages: Luke 19:35, James 5:16, James 5:1, 1 Peter 5:8, Eph. 6:10-20, Psalm 73:28, Ex. 14:19-20, Heb. 13:8

Connect:

Get to know each other. Connect, warm up to each other, and take time to fellowship.

Care:

Carry each other's burdens. Share life's challenges and practice Soul Care. Pray together.

Challenge:

1. What does it look like to trust God in the middle of suffering?
2. Are you entrusting your worries onto God or are you carrying them?
3. How can you cast your anxiety on God? Entrusting your cares to him?
4. How can you incorporate praise into your life personally? What does it look like to be a small group that practices worship and praise?
5. How can you increase your awareness of God's presence in your daily life? What new habits might you begin doing, what might you need to eliminate so you can pay attention to God?

Clarify:

Does anyone need clarity on something? Are there any big God questions you are wrestling with?

Celebrate:

Celebrate life's successes and God's provision. Worship God's presence. Time to brag about God.

KEY TAKEAWAYS