

- Sing one or two songs from morning worship (printed in bulletin, available at redeemerprestemple.org under the “Resources” tab)
- Read the Scripture passage
- Pray with a specific focus on people and situations in the group (spiritual growth, needs, encouragement, rejoicing)
- Pray for the truths discussed from the Scripture study to more deeply permeate our lives and empower us for service and mission together

Discussion Questions

1. In a letter all about suffering and temptation, what do you think it communicates that the devil is not mentioned until the very end?
2. On the two extremes of considering the devil a primitive myth, or being obsessed with seeing the devil's activity in everything, how do we strike a biblical balance regarding Satan?
3. What is Satan's ultimate goal for us? How do we resist his temptations?
4. How would Peter's own experience of being "sifted like wheat" (Lk 22:31) by Satan, as recorded in the Gospels, have informed his understanding of Satan's activity and how to resist him?
5. At the end of the letter, what is the hope that Peter says is on the other side of suffering (see v. 10)?
6. As we wrap up 1 Peter, how has this letter challenged you? How has it encouraged you? For example, have there been sinful thoughts, words, or deeds that it has revealed? Are there gospel promises that have become more precious to you?

Announcements

- Pray for our friends and missionaries the Clows in Honduras

1 Peter 5:6-14

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.

¹² By Silvanus, a faithful brother as I regard him, I have written briefly to you, exhorting and declaring that this is the true grace of God. Stand firm in it. ¹³ She who is at Babylon, who is likewise chosen, sends you greetings, and so does Mark, my son. ¹⁴ Greet one another with the kiss of love.

Peace to all of you who are in Christ.