

## Week of January 18, 2021: 1 Peter Wrap Up

### Discussion Questions Set #1

“To the elders among you, I appeal as a fellow elder and a witness of Christ’s sufferings who also will share in the glory to be revealed: Be shepherds of God’s flock that is under your care, watching over them—not because you must, but because you are willing, as God wants you to be; not pursuing dishonest gain, but eager to serve; not lording it over those entrusted to you, but being examples to the flock. And when the Chief Shepherd appears, you will receive the crown of glory that will never fade away.” (1 Peter 5:1-4)

1. Why do you think humility is such a key attribute for leadership in the church? Why is humility so important in our following of Jesus?
2. The New Testament uses terms like shepherd, servant and slave to describe the role of church leadership. Discuss how these might differ from our cultural view of leadership.
3. Discuss the allure of “dishonest gain” in church leadership and how this might impact the health/effectiveness of a church.

### Discussion Questions Set #2

“Humble yourselves, therefore, under God’s mighty hand, that he may lift you up in due time. Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you. Be alert and of sober mind. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour. Resist him, standing firm in the faith, because you know that the family of believers throughout the world is undergoing the same kind of sufferings. 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.” (1 Peter 5:6-10)

1. How are humility and anxiety related when it comes to our experience of suffering?
2. How does understanding the nature of our enemy help us discern how to best handle experiences of anxiety/suffering?
3. Discuss how the following verse from Genesis 50:20 might come into play as we consider the possible outcomes of experiences of suffering: “you intended to harm me, but God intended it for good to accomplish what is now being done ...”.

### Discussion Questions Set #2

1. What is one key piece of learning that you are taking away from our study in the book of 1 Peter? Were you able to make any specific applications from our study?
2. If you could pick a key verse from 1 Peter, what might it be and why?
3. What surprised you about our study in the book of 1 Peter?