

Sermon Questions for your Small Group/LifeGroup to think on...
Sermon: The God of All Grace, 1 Peter 5:10-11

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This week's sermon talking points:

- 1. For the Christian ALL suffering is temporary.**
- 2. God allows for suffering, but once it has accomplished its work, He is there still.**
- 3. Grace: God's Riches At Christ's Expense, unmerited favor, but also God's enabling power which works in, on, and through us!**
- 4. We have relationship with and trust in a personal God who not only condescends in Christ, but also through His Holy Spirit to apply and confirm the work done by Jesus on our behalf!**
- 5. God wants to remove fears, anxieties, concerns, doubts.**
- 6. God does the strengthening... not you, not the suffering.**
- 7. Intimacy is built on experience.**

Questions:

1. What stuck out to you from this weekend's message? Why?
2. Immediately after his warning against Satan's influence, Peter begins the next sentence (in the Greek) with "the God of all grace." How significant is it that he places such a contrast immediately afterwards?
3. Grace is amazing. How have you experienced God's grace recently?
4. Grace is more than just forgiveness; from scripture we see that it also refers to an enabling spiritual power within us giving us what we need in the moment to do and say what we need to. How does this definition of grace remind you both of God's continual presence and His power in your life? How often do you ask God for greater grace?
5. How does God reveal Himself to you as a personal God? What is a recent story where God manifested Himself to you through an event, a word, an interaction, or a circumstance?
6. Our God desires to perfect (mend/complete), confirm, strengthen, and establish us. Can you recall a time when you were able to see those things occurring? Do you expect them to occur in your life? How are you positioning yourself to experience these truths?
7. "What doesn't kill you makes you stronger." But does it? Scripture teaches that our encounters and experience might be the vehicle God uses to bring out growth, but apart from Him, these things don't naturally bring spiritual strength. Do you look for God in difficult moments and give Him credit for the strength provided, or do you more naturally just assume strength is the expected outcome of trials? Is there a difference in being hardened through adversity (like a brick baked in the sun) and being spiritually strengthened by God in the midst of trial?
8. No pain; no gain is true of muscle building. How true is it for spiritual growth? How does God use suffering and trial to grow us?
9. How has your intimacy with God through Christ grown over the past months or year? Are the circumstances of your life bearing fruit rightly by drawing you closer to God? How can you tell?