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## LIFEgroup Study Guide

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## Introduction to Get Ready

### THE VALUE OF PREPARATION

I am not a morning person, and yet the best time for me to go to the gym is often in the morning. I know myself well enough to know that when my alarm sounds, I will use just about any excuse to keep myself from getting up and exercising. Because of this, I make preparations the night before. I set out my clothes, I make sure my water bottle is ready, I find my headphones, and I often even download a podcast episode that I will be able to listen to while I work out. I do all of this because I know that the temptation to sleep in is coming. I want to get ready to win the battle over this temptation and to do what I believe will be best—even when my immediate desires are leading me elsewhere.

There is great value in preparation. Surprises throw us off and keep us off-balance. When we know, though, that difficulty is coming, most of us are able to endure quite a deal of discomfort and suffering. Because of this, we are wise not to rely on our ability to handle adversity in the moment, but to get ready for it in advance.

### THE CHRISTIAN CALL TO SUFFERING

In 1 Peter 4-5, Peter calls believers to get ready. Specifically, he calls them to get ready for the suffering that will be part and parcel with following Jesus. Believers will face insults, ostracism, mockery, and exclusion. Sometimes this suffering will include physical or financial or institutional suffering. Peter knows this, since he spent multiple occasions in prison. Because of this, he doesn't want believers to be thrown off balance by their suffering. He wants them to be ready so that they can reflect Jesus in how they handle it.

In all of this, Peter grounds his message

in the gospel of Jesus. He is not simply telling believers to shape up and get with the program. He is telling believers that the hope they have in Jesus equips them for this task. After all, Peter has already talked about the inheritance that believers look forward to (1 Peter 1:4), now that they have been redeemed into the family of God (1 Peter 1:18-19). And just as Jesus died and rose again (1 Peter 3:18-22), believers trust that their suffering will result in glory (1 Peter 4:13). The Christian message is not that people need to pull themselves up by their own bootstraps. The Christian message is that Jesus has rescued us, and that his supremacy and glory will make every sacrifice and suffering worthwhile in the end.

#### GET READY

In these six lessons, you will be invited to rethink how you approach suffering. In the United States we have come to expect a high level of comfort. Peter calls us to hold loosely comfort and to embrace difficulty. In lesson 1 he calls believers to arm themselves for difficulty by putting their trust in the fact that God is the true and final judge. In lesson 2 he calls believers to live on high alert, always looking for how they can fully live in light of Jesus' call on their lives. In lesson 3 he calls believers not to be surprised by their suffering, but to make sure that any suffering they face is for righteousness and not for evil. In lesson 4 he calls believers—and specifically Christian leaders—to sacrifice for others instead of leveraging their power for themselves. In lesson 5 he calls believers to embrace humility instead of prideful self-sufficiency. And in lesson 6 he calls believers to resist the enemy, the devil, since he is on the prowl, looking to take them down.

As you walk through these lessons, look for opportunities to reframe your thoughts and

your activities so that you are ready. Following Jesus leads us on a difficult and narrow path. If we are going to stay the course, we must get ready for the difficulty that we will face. And as we get ready for suffering, we do so with the hope that nothing can separate us from the reward that God will give to his faithful people.

# Lesson 1: Arm Yourself

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## Main Point

CHRISTIANS RESPOND TO SUFFERING BY LOOKING TO GOD'S JUDGEMENT

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Written by: Jake Litwin • February 11

## Getting Started

1. Has there been a time in your life when friends or family mocked you because you refused to participate in something with them that was against your faith?
  
2. What kind of impact do Christians show to the unbelieving world when they live for “the will of God” and not “the will of the pagans”?

## Digging In

Read 1 Peter 4:1-6,

*1 Therefore, since Christ suffered in his body, arm yourselves also with the same attitude, because whoever suffers in the body is done with sin. 2 As a result, they do not live the rest of their earthly lives for evil human desires, but rather for the will of God. 3 For you have spent enough time in the past doing what pagans choose to do—living in debauchery, lust, drunkenness, orgies, carousing and detestable idolatry. 4 They are surprised that you do not join them in their reckless, wild living, and they heap abuse on you. 5 But they will have to give account to him who is ready to judge the living and the dead. 6 For this is the reason the gospel was preached even to those who are now dead, so that they might be judged according to human standards in regard to the body, but live according to God in regard to the spirit.*

## Explanation of the Passage

Some of my favorite memories growing up were spending quality time with my cousins. I have seven cousins and we all grew up doing a variety of family activities together. We grew more and more having things in common whether it was playing card games, video games, music or motorcycle riding. I remember in middle school thinking that I will always be closer to my cousins than any friend I could ever have. Then by the grace of God, I came to faith in Christ my junior year of high school. From this time forward the more I saw my cousins at family gatherings the more they noticed something weird about me. I wasn't using foul language or approving dirty jokes like I used to. Since my conversion, my relationship with my cousins has never been the same. They look at my faith as foolishness, they have mocked it at times, and we have all experienced distance in our relationship.

This is just one example of suffering and loss that can come as the result of following Jesus. In this passage, Peter is calling us to prepare for this—and every—form of suffering by arming ourselves. But he does not call us to arm ourselves with physical weapons or ready-made insults. He calls us to arm ourselves with the attitude and pattern of Jesus. Jesus suffered and conquered sin, and he did so without taking revenge on his persecutors. As followers of Jesus we set aside sin and choose the suffering that accompanies following Jesus. Peter says that we set aside evil desires and live for the will of God. After all, Peter says, we already wasted enough time indulging our desires for instant gratification. We have now left that old life behind.

Peter warns, though, that people will be surprised when they see the change that God has brought about in our lives. They may even insult and mock us because of our new allegiance to Jesus. But we don't need to defend ourselves or

take our own revenge because God is the one and only judge, and he will judge every person in the end. This allows us to follow Jesus with freedom and confidence, knowing that God's judgment is the only judgment that truly matters.

3. What struck you most about this passage—or about the sermon, if you heard it?

4. What are some “evil human desires” that you struggle with?

5. Peter says in verse 3 that his readers have “spent enough time in the past doing what pagans choose to do.” In light of these words about their past, what do you think is the proper way to deal with regrets that we have about our past actions?

6. What is the natural temptation in your heart when unbelievers “heap abuse on you”? How can you grow to respond the way Christ calls His followers to respond in suffering?

7. The idea of judgment can be scary. Peter, however, talks about it in a positive way. How can the reality of God's future judgment bring you hope and strength in your current life situation?

## Wrestling with Issues

8. 1 Peter 4:1 says, “because whoever suffers in the body is done with sin.” How would you respond to those who would claim Peter is saying believers who suffer have attained sinless perfection, as if they do not sin at all after suffering?

## Taking it to Heart

9. What are some practical ways to encourage your brothers and sisters in Christ when living out our faith becomes challenging?

10. Share one practical way that you can arm yourself with the attitude and the perspective of Jesus.

## Lesson 2: High Alert

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### Main Point

IN LIGHT OF GOD'S FUTURE JUDGMENT, CHRISTIANS ARE CALLED TO GIVE THEMSELVES FULLY TO GOD'S PURPOSES FOR THEM

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*Written by: Dan Franklin • February 18*

### Getting Started

1. What benefits come to people who are highly alert?
  
2. Are you more likely to be on high alert when you should relax or to be relaxed when you should be vigilant?

### Digging In

Read 1 Peter 4:7-11,

*7 The end of all things is near. Therefore be alert and of sober mind so that you may pray. 8 Above all, love each other deeply, because love covers over a multitude of sins. 9 Offer hospitality to one another without grumbling. 10 Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms. 11 If anyone speaks, they should do so as one who speaks the very words of God. If anyone serves, they should do so with the strength God provides, so that in all things God may be praised through Jesus Christ. To him be the glory and the power for ever and ever. Amen.*

## Explanation of the Passage

All of us enjoy times when we can relax. This is because we have times when we have to be on. When we are at work, at school, watching our kids, driving, and doing household chores, we have to be on the alert. This makes us long for times when we can let our guard down.

We can have a similar attitude when it comes to our Christian walk. We can think that we need to be on when we are at church, attending our small group, or participating in a service project. Then we let down our guard when these activities are over. We don't live in a constant alertness because we compartmentalize the areas of our lives. Our devotion to Jesus often fits neatly into one compartment, and we like to keep it there.

In this passage, Peter challenges our compartmentalization by calling us to a constant alertness about how God is at work in us and in the world around us. Part of this urgency is based on his opening statement in verse 7: "The end of all things is near." This is almost certainly a reference to Jesus' return and to final judgment. We live in light of the fact that final judgment is coming. This final judgment brings hope to those of us who are Christians, but it also brings sobriety because we want to live in light of what God has deemed most important. Because the end is near, Peter says that believers should be alert and of sober mind, so that we may pray. Peter has set the table by saying that our posture in the world should be constant alertness and constant God-awareness (prayer). We may have times when we rest and sleep and relax, but we never aren't on when it comes to our relationship with God and his calling for our lives.

Peter then gives some specifics on how we live out this alertness. His overarching command is to show love to one another. This is not simple affection because he talks about love



covering a multitude of sins. This love, of which he speaks, is strong, forgiving, and generous. This generous love leads us to show hospitality without complaining that “our” goods are going to benefit others. And we also show generosity with our spiritual gifts. According to verse 10 we should think of our gift—whether it be mercy or wisdom or teaching or helps or any other gift found in passages like 1 Corinthians 12:7-11 and Romans 12:4-8—as a stewardship from God. In other words, our spiritual gifts have been entrusted to us, not so that we can impress others or experience personal fulfillment, but so that we can serve others. If we’re given a speaking gift, then our calling is to speak the messages that God has spoken. If we have a serving gift, then our calling is to serve with all the strength that God supplies. When we do this, we reflect and glorify God, and we fulfill our calling to live on high alert.

3. What struck you most about this passage—or about the sermon, if you heard it?

4. Peter calls believers to a constant alertness and sobriety. In what situations, do you find yourself tempted to check out instead of being on high alert?

5. Between Peter’s commands about (1) loving one another deeply, (2) showing hospitality to others, and (3) using your spiritual gifts to serve others, which applies most to your current life, and why?

6. Do you think that you know your spiritual gifts? If so, share them with your group.

7. What is one way that you are using your spiritual gifts in order to serve others?

## Wrestling with Issues

8. If spiritual gifts are a demonstration of God’s power in our lives, how can we avoid “performing” our gifts for the purpose of getting attention from others?

## Taking it to Heart

9. Are there areas of your life in which you are not alert to how God might be leading you? If so, how can you live with more alertness?

10. Peter writes about Christians using their love, their resources, and their spiritual gifts in order to benefit others. Name one way that you can make use of what God has given you in order to fulfill his purposes?

## Lesson 3: Don't Be Surprised

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### Main Point

SUFFERING FOR BEING A CHRISTIAN LEADS TO  
FUTURE REWARD

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*Written by: Christy Gonet • February 25*

### Getting Started

1. When we think of the word “surprise”, we normally think of something positive happening to us, but surprises can also be negative. What is an example of a negative surprise?

2. Has anyone ever surprised you by reacting negatively to finding out you are a Christian or to a decision you made based on biblical principles?

### Digging In

Read 1 Peter 4:12-19,

*12 Dear friends, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that has come on you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. 13 But rejoice inasmuch as you participate in the sufferings of Christ, so that you may be overjoyed when his glory is revealed. 14 If you are insulted because of the name of Christ, you are blessed, for the Spirit of glory and of God rests on you. 15 If you suffer, it should not be as a murderer or thief or any other kind of criminal, or even as a meddler. 16 However, if you suffer as a Christian, do not be ashamed, but praise God that you bear that name. 17 For it is time for judgment to begin with God's household; and if it begins with us,*

*what will the outcome be for those who do not obey the gospel of God?*

*18 And,*

*“If it is hard for the righteous to be saved, what will become of the ungodly and the sinner?”*

*19 So then, those who suffer according to God's will should commit themselves to their faithful Creator and continue to do good.*

### Explanation of the Passage

Throughout the history of the church, countless Christians have suffered as a direct result of their relationship with Christ. They have been imprisoned, tortured, and killed. They have had their houses burned down, lost their jobs, and been disowned by their families. They have had to pay the ultimate price for their faith in Christ.

We are fortunate enough to live in a country where this is not the normal experience for Christians, but still Christians in the United States suffer in different ways. They might lose out on a promotion at work or receive a bad grade on a science report at school. They are sometimes mocked by neighbors and co-workers for not following a worldly lifestyle. They may suffer the loss of friendships or family relationships. While these sufferings are not nearly as extreme as those experienced by Christians in other parts of the world, they still carry great pain for the one who goes through them. Not only that, but the fear of suffering one of these consequences can make us want to not be as bold in displaying our faith in Christ.

In this passage Peter chides his readers, telling them that the suffering they are enduring should not be surprising to them. It is a test, and it is a test that Jesus warned would come upon all his followers (John 15:18-25). For Christians,

though, suffering results not in death and despair, but in glory. Because of this, we can rejoice in trials, knowing that the curses of the world don't cancel out the blessings of God. It is not that we want to suffer persecution, but that our joy is not stolen by it. Not only do we have eternal rewards to look forward to, but we also know that God shines his light most brightly when we suffer difficulty and yet hold firm to his promises.

Peter gives the reminder that we shouldn't expect a reward if we simply suffer as a result of bad decisions we've made. But if we suffer as a result of following Jesus—whether that suffering be physical, social, verbal, or financial—we can look forward to God's blessing and vindication. In fact, the suffering reflects the fact that all humanity will be judged. And if Christians struggle under this suffering, then those who reject the gospel have a much grimmer future ahead of them. In the meantime, we are called to handle suffering by placing our trust in God and persevering in doing the good that he has called us to do.

3. What struck you most about this passage—or about the sermon, if you heard it?

4. What are some insults that you have received as a result of your commitment to Christ?

5. In verse 13, the phrase “when his glory is revealed” most likely refers to the events that will take place at the end of this age when Christ comes again and believers get to go to heaven. How do you think suffering with Christ now can lead to being overjoyed then?

6. Peter differentiates between godly suffering and the suffering that comes as a result of our own sin. When you experience suffering, how do you think you can determine whether you are suffering for the sake of righteousness or as a result of sin?

7. Verse 19 says that some of the suffering Christians experience is “according to God's will”. What good things could God produce out of our suffering that would help accomplish his will?

## Wrestling with Issues

8. Verses 17-18 speak of the judgment of both Christians and non-Christians, but Peter is not saying that Christians and non-Christians experience the same type of judgment. We know that the judgment that determines whether people will spend eternity in the presence of God or away from his love and grace happens in the future (cf. Heb. 9:27). According to this passage, though, when does the “judgment” of Christians take place?

## Taking it to Heart

9. Is your natural response to suffering for being a Christian to strengthen your resolve to follow God and his commands, or is it to shrink back from doing things that make you stick out to those around you in order to avoid further conflict?



## Lesson 4: Under-Shepherds

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### Main Point

CHRISTIAN LEADERS ARE CALLED TO USE THEIR POSITION TO SERVE OTHERS, NOT TO SERVE THEMSELVES

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*Written by: Bill Mulligan • March 4*

### Getting Started

1. Share a time when you have seen someone in a position of leadership take on the role of a servant.
2. What are some of Christ's teachings to his disciples that dealt with identifying the role of a true leader?

### Digging In

Read 1 Peter 5:1-4,

*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: 2 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; 3 not lording it over those entrusted to you, but being examples to the flock. 4 And when the Chief Shepherd appears, you will receive the crown of glory that will never fade away.*

## Explanation of the Passage

One doesn't have to look very far to see abuse in the church. One of the most common threads for abuse comes from those in leadership positions. Most of us have either read about or experienced firsthand how someone in a leadership role has taken advantage of that position in the church. Should we as Christians be surprised? Is this just a result of the times we live in or is it something that has always been in the background since the Church began?

It seems that the first century Church had to deal with the same or similar problems that churches face today. Both Paul in his letters, and Peter in his, confront problems that have arisen with those in leadership roles. In the case of Peter, he deals with the problem in 1 Peter 5:1-4 when he addresses the elders of the church and what their responsibility should be. He begins by reminding his fellow elders that he speaks to them as someone who witnessed Jesus' sufferings and his resurrection. This is a precursor to the callings of the elders. They will be called to sacrifice in anticipation of reward in the future.

He then calls elders to shepherd (or "pastor") not their own flock, but God's flock that is under their care. Being a church leader is not about self-promotion, but about care for others. The shepherding happens when elders care for the flock not out of compulsion, but because they desire to. And not out of a desire to make money, but out of a desire to serve. And not in order to lord it over others, but in order to be an example to them. These instructions get right to the heart of the motives for leading God's people. The leader exists for the sake of the people, not the people for the sake of the leader. Peter then ends with a promise. This sacrificial leadership will be worthwhile because Jesus, the Chief Shepherd, will reward them in the end.

3. What struck you most about this passage—  
or about the sermon, if you heard it?

4. Are you more likely to aspire to leadership or to  
shy away from it?

5. Peter models the call of church leaders after  
the life pattern of Jesus: suffering and then glory.  
How do you think this calling applies more widely  
to each Christian?

6. Which of the 3 warnings that Peter mentions  
in verses 2-3 seems to be the most prevalent in  
church leadership today?

7. In the end, Peter promises faithful elders a  
reward that will never fade away. How do you  
think the desire for eternal rewards relates to  
having proper motives for serving God?

## Wrestling with Issues

8. In light of the potential leadership problems  
that Peter brings up, what role do you think the  
congregation has in relationship to its leaders?

## Taking it to Heart

9. While these verses are directly addressed to  
the elders of the church, how do you see them  
applying to your life as a believer?

10. What are some principles that can be followed  
regardless of your position at LBF Church?

## Lesson 5: Suit Up

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### Main Point

HUMILITY IS THE FOUNDATIONAL  
CHRISTIAN ATTITUDE

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*Written by: Dan Franklin • March 11*

### Getting Started

1. What are problems that come to people who are proud?
2. What do you think is the difference between humility and poor self-esteem?

### Digging In

Read 1 Peter 5:5-7,  
*5 In the same way, you who are younger, submit yourselves to your elders. All of you, clothe yourselves with humility toward one another, because,*

*“God opposes the proud but shows favor to the humble.”*

*6 Humble yourselves, therefore, under God’s mighty hand, that he may lift you up in due time. 7 Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you.*

### Explanation of the Passage

For most cultures in the first century, humility was not seen as a virtue. To call someone “humble” would be to call them a person of low social

standing. Humility was associated with weakness, helplessness, and embarrassment. This makes it all the more shocking that Jesus and the authors of the New Testament prize humility as a virtue. Suddenly, humility is something desirable. This is not because humility brings instant gratification, but because it rightly recognizes our dependence upon God.

In this passage, Peter advocates for humility, and also helps to illustrate how we can practice it. He specifically calls younger men to practice humility toward their elders. This comes right on the heels of verses 1-4, in which Peter calls elders to servant leadership of their flocks. And the universal call to humility continues when Peter calls everyone to clothe themselves with humility. According to Peter, humility is not simply a virtue we practice, but the garment we wear. And we wear this garment not only toward people in power, but toward one another. After all, Peter says, God opposes the proud but shows favor to the humble. If we want God’s favor, humility is our path to it.

Peter then instructs humility toward God himself. And the promise is that if we humble ourselves under the mighty hand of God, he will lift us up in due time. Humility leads to a lower position in the short-term, but God is more than able to bring reward in the long-term. And when it comes to humbling ourselves before God, Peter says that we can do this by casting our anxiety of him because he cares for us. Powerfully enough, true humility is not shown when we try not to bother God with our problems. In fact, this reveals the arrogant belief that we can handle things on our own. Humility is shown when we bring our cares to God, believing that he alone can relieve our pain and fear. When we clothe ourselves with humility, this doesn’t lead us to draw away from God, but instead to draw near to him.

3. What struck you most about this passage—  
or about the sermon, if you heard it?

4. What are some ways to live out humility toward  
other people?

5. In what situations do you find it most difficult to  
practice humility?

6. Share about a time that you humbled yourself  
before God and then he lifted you up.

7. Peter calls believers to cast their anxiety on  
God. In your life, what are some ways that you  
tend to deal with anxiety?

## Wrestling with Issues

8. In this passage, Peter calls younger people  
to submit themselves to their elders. What, if  
any, difference do you think exists between  
submission and slavish obedience?

## Taking it to Heart

9. What is one area of your life in which God is  
calling you to clothe yourself with humility?

10. What are some cares that you can cast  
upon God?



## Lesson 6: Resist

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### Main Point

IN ORDER TO STAND FIRM IN THE FAITH, CHRISTIANS MUST ACTIVELY RESIST THE TEMPTATIONS AND LIES OF THE DEVIL

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*Written by: Dan Franklin • March 18*

### Getting Started

1. Why is it sometimes difficult to resist something, even when you know it would be best to do so?
2. How do you task a situation differently if you know that someone will be trying to thwart you?

### Digging In

Read 1 Peter 5:8-14,

*8 Be alert and of sober mind. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour. 9 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.*

*10 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. 11 To him be the power for ever and ever. Amen.*

*12 With the help of Silas, whom I regard as a faithful brother, I have written to you briefly, encouraging you and testifying that this is the true grace of God. Stand fast in it.*

*13 She who is in Babylon, chosen together with you, sends you her greetings, and so does my son Mark.*

*14 Greet one another with a kiss of love. Peace to all of you who are in Christ.*

## Explanation of the Passage

“Devil” is not an attractive word to most people. We conjure up images of an evil being that wants nothing more than our destruction. Because of this, it seems strange that we would need to be told to resist the devil. After all, we normally only need to be told to resist things that are appealing to us. We need to resist too much dessert, or resist staying up too later, or resist drinking too much alcohol. If we are told, then, to resist the devil, then this would seem to indicate that we will be tempted to go along with him. It means that there is something about him that will appeal to us and make us vulnerable to his schemes. We are only commanded to resist when we will be tempted to give in.

In this final passage of his letter, Peter gives some closing remarks. Before he does this, though, he gives a final warning and command. After reminding believers to be alert and of sober mind, Peter tells us the reason to be alert and of sober mind. It is because our enemy the devil is prowling around like a lion who wants to devour someone. This is a frightening image and reminds us of the devil’s power and his cunning. He brings danger along with him. In response, Peter tells us to resist him. Instead of giving in to his lies and his temptations, we must resist. And we resist by standing firm in the faith, and remembering that believers all over the world are fighting this same battle and experiencing this same suffering. We draw strength from their example and we resist the devil, who wants us to repay evil with evil or to shrink away from our faith in Jesus. And Peter speaks hope to us all when he promises that God—the God of all grace—will restore us after our suffering. While it can be intense, suffering is temporary, and God’s glory is eternal.

Peter then concludes the letter with some greetings and well-wishes. He entrusts his letter to God, and he lives in the expectation that it will

bring encouragement to others by pointing them to the true grace of God. He has written about the fact that Christians are temporary residents in this world, and that our true hope is in God and in his promises. He has written about the fact that God has placed us all in different life stations, and that his calling is for each of us to serve him fully wherever we are. He has warned us of suffering and reminded us that God never abandons his people or his promises. All of these themes prepare and equip us to serve him and to resist the tempting lies of the devil.

3. What struck you most about this passage—or about the sermon, if you heard it?

4. What are some ways that the devil tries to “devour” us?

5. What are some practical ways that you can actively resist the devil?

6. In verse 9 Peter reminds his readers that believers all over the world are facing the same kinds of trials and temptations. How does this reminder impact your attitude toward your trials and temptations?

7. In verse 10, Peter does not simply say that everything will work out. He specifically says that “the God of all peace” will bring about final restoration. How is this hope in God different from simply hoping in an idea like karma or the goodness of the universe?

## Wrestling with Issues

8. Peter calls Christians to resist the devil, despite the fact that we can’t see him and can’t be sure about what he is doing. What do you think are some signs of the devil’s activities that must be resisted?

## Taking it to Heart

9. Throughout the New Testament, the devil is associated with lies and deception. What are some lies that you think the devil throws at you?

10. Peter says that we resist the devil by standing firm in the faith. How can you take active steps to stand firm in the faith so that you don’t fall victim to the devil’s lies?

