

## Not a Care in the World

LifeGroup Lesson

August 6, 2017

1 Peter 5:6-11

### OPENING PRAYER:

I will give thanks to God; I will trust, and will not be afraid. The Lord God is my strength and my might; God has become my salvation. Shout aloud and sing for joy, for great in your midst is the Holy One. (Based on Isaiah 12)

### BREAKING THE ICE:

- What did you agree/disagree with in the LifeTalk this week?
- What good leaders have you worked with? What made them good leaders?
- What is your birth order? How did that affect your life?

### WRESTLING WITH THE WORD:<sup>1</sup>

1 Peter 5:1-14

- What does it look like to you to see v. 3 lived out? Why is it so common for leaders to act this way?
- Why does an attitude of service produce better care? How did Jesus embody vs. 3-5? How can you be changed by these verses?
- How does Peter connect humility and hope?
- What various relationships do you see in this chapter?
- What instructions do you hear in vs. 5-9? What reason does Peter give for following each?
- What joy, comfort or warning do you hear in vs. 5-11? What stands out?
- What do you think Peter means to stand fast (v. 12)? What does this mean for your life?
- To what circumstances and relationships does 1 Peter speak to most immediately?
- What picture of Christ has Peter drawn in this letter? How does that picture bring peace to you (v. 14)?

### NEXT STEPS:

- How will your life be different based upon what you have learned in this week's scripture, lesson and/or LifeTalk?
- Take mental stock, what is one of your most difficult relationships at this time? Invite God into this relationship and ask God for guidance and help.
- What do you read/hear in this chapter that would bring spiritual health to your relationships?
- Read the *Screwtape Letters* by C.S. Lewis
- Part of this passage, v. 9 in particular, is about the persecution of Christians. What can you do this week to learn more? Pray.
- Consider where you exercise leadership in your life. Pray to embody this chapter in those areas. What action steps can you take to live out these verses?

### PRAYER FOR THE WEEK:

May all I say and all I think be in harmony with thee. God within me, God beyond me, God around me. (Elizabeth Roberts and Elias Amidon, Earth Prayers)