

Sunday	Title	Bible
April 30	SAVED	1 Peter 1.1-13
May 7	SET-APART	1 Peter 1.14-2.3
May 14	SPEAK & SHINE	1 Peter 2.4-12
May 21	SUBMIT	1 Peter 2.13-3.7
May 28	SUFFER	1 Peter 3.8-4.19
June 4	SERVE	1 Peter 5

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## 1 Peter 5

This discussion guide includes preparation BEFORE the group and some guidance DURING the group meeting. Preparation before the group will help you, your leader, and your group to engage and respond to the living and active Word of God.



• GOD'S PEOPLE ARE A MISUNDERSTOOD MINORITY, LIVING UNDER THE RULE OF A DIFFERENT KING.  
 • PERSECUTION OFFERS A CHANCE TO SHOW OTHERS THE GENEROUS LOVE OF JESUS.

### PREPARATION BEFORE THE GROUP MEETS:

*The aim of this preparation is to encourage good & prayerful observation of the text of God's word and the joyful experience of discovering its truth.*

#### Pray & read 1 Peter 5

What strikes you about this reading?

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Do you have any questions about this reading?

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How does this reading make you **feel**?

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What do you **think** in response to this reading?

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What will you **do** in response to this reading?

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## **WHEN THE GROUP MEETS: Pray for your discussion time**

**Getting started:** Discuss current examples of the best and worst leaders: Why are they so?

### **read 1 Peter 5.1-4 – leaders are examples**

- What stands out to you about the leaders of God's flock? (5.1-4)
  
  
  
  
  
- Are these the best or worst kind of leaders?

### **read 1 Peter 5.5-7 – follow the example**

- Discuss with practical examples what it means to clothe yourself with humility (5.5-7): Where do you find this hardest?
  
  
  
  
  
- Discuss what you see as the relationship between humility and anxiety (5.6-7). How is your humility dependent on your view of God and your relationship with him?

### **read 1 Peter 5.8-14 – stand firm**

- What must you do to stand firm? What does that look like day to day? (5.8-9)
  
  
  
  
  
- What does God do so you will stand fast? (5.10-11)
  
  
  
  
  
- Take a moment to encourage one another with standouts from what Peter has taught us about making our pilgrimage home from exile (Babylon!). We are saved and set apart to; speak & shine, submit, suffer and serve. We are indeed strangers in this world. How have you been impacted to grow as a follower of Jesus?

**PRAY!**