

### **Scripture – 1 Peter 5:6-14 (ESV)**

<sup>6</sup> Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God so that at the proper time he may exalt you, <sup>7</sup> casting all your anxieties on him, because he cares for you.

<sup>8</sup> Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour. <sup>9</sup> Resist him, firm in your faith, knowing that the same kinds of suffering are being experienced by your brotherhood throughout the world. <sup>10</sup> And after you have suffered a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, confirm, strengthen, and establish you. <sup>11</sup> To him be the dominion forever and ever. Amen.

<sup>12</sup> By Silvanus, a faithful brother as I regard him, I have written briefly to you, exhorting and declaring that this is the true grace of God. Stand firm in it. <sup>13</sup> She who is at Babylon, who is likewise chosen, sends you greetings, and so does Mark, my son. <sup>14</sup> Greet one another with the kiss of love.

### **Summary:**

Peter warns the believers to remain humble in response to God and what He is doing in their lives. Since believers are transformed by God, we are called to be filled with His Spirit and to stand firm in Him. Satan is constantly attempting to tear believers down, but Jesus provides the confidence needed to stand firm. Suffering and persecution are to be expected before God unites us in perfect harmony with Him in Heaven. God and His promises are worth every struggle and hardship in this life. Christ in His sovereignty establishes us and uses us for His glory in all things.

**START (the group):** Follow up with your group regarding their applications from last week. Ask them how they did in applying last week's text.

### **STUDY (the passage):**

Read: 1 Peter 5:6-14

1. What sticks out to you from the passage?
2. What do you have a question about?
3. What does it look like to humble yourself before God and others? Why is this important?
4. What anxieties do you need to give to the Lord? What would it look like to surrender them completely?
5. How does knowing that Satan is attacking, and that persecution is expected, but that God is still sovereign and working in all things affect how you live out your faith?

**Apply:**

6. How can you continue to grow in standing firm in your faith?
7. What is one thing God is asking you to do in response to this passage?