

The Heart and Mind of a Sojourner
1 Peter 5:1-14 Discussion Questions

1. Peter begins this section of the letter by addressing the humble heart of a leader. Based on 1 Peter 5:1-4, what are some of the characteristics of a faithful leader? Have you known anyone who leads like this? Explain.
2. A faithful sojourner is humble before God. In 1 Peter 5:6-7, we learn one of the keys for humbling ourselves before God is to cast our anxieties on Him. Explain why worrying is a form of pride. Peter doesn't tell us to not have anxieties. He knows we will have anxieties. What does it look like to cast our anxieties on the One who cares? Have you ever done this? Explain.
3. A faithful sojourner also has a clear mind. In 1 Peter 5:8 he tells us to be sober-minded and watchful. What are the consequences if we are not thinking clearly and alert?
4. In 1 Peter 5:9 we discover we resist the devil by standing firm in the faith (also see 5:12). What does it look like to stand firm in the faith? Are you surprised the key for defeating the devil and having victory in spiritual warfare is not by doing anything we might see in the movies? Are you surprised the key is simply to stand firm in the faith? What are some examples of key truths of the Christian faith we can cling to in order to defeat the enemy?
5. In 1 Peter 5:10, he reminds us our suffering is just for "a little while" and then He will "restore, confirm, strengthen, and establish you." Why is it important that we keep this eternal perspective in mind? We mentioned that when Jesus introduced the Lord's Supper, He pointed to His future return when the meal would be fulfilled (see Luke 22:16,18). Do you have this eternal perspective when we take the Lord's Supper? Explain.
6. As we conclude this study in 1 Peter, has there been anything you have learned that has been especially challenging or helpful to you?