

Entrusting Our Souls To God

Proclamation Life Groups; 1 Peter 5:1-14; Week of Sunday, June 10, 2018; Steve Thiel

Sermon Theme: As believers in Jesus, we are called to entrust our souls to God, by humbly submitting to His good and perfect plan for our lives, which at its core requires humility, joyfully serving others in the midst of suffering, looking forward to the hope of eternal glory.

I. Exhortation to the Shepherds – Read 1 Peter 5:1-4

- A. In what ways is Peter a model to the elders to whom he writes?
- B. What are some of the particular temptations to which shepherds might be susceptible? As you think of your own life, have you experienced any church leaders who struggled in these ways?
- C. What should motivate leaders to humbly serve and sacrifice for the wellbeing of the church?
- D. What are some practical ways that you can support, encourage, and pray for your elders?

II. Exhortation to the Sheep – Read 1 Peter 5:5-11

- A. How is humility to be shown within the family of God? What are some of the regular examples of humility that you see on a weekly basis at Christ Proclamation Church?
- B. What do you think it looks like to “*humble yourself under the mighty hand of God?*” How do you think you’re doing at that? Where would you like to see growth in humility?
- C. What do you think it looks like to be sober-minded with regard to the devil? Are there any areas in your life where you’ve given him a foothold to distract you from living righteously?
- D. How do other believers motivate you to faithfully live for the glory of God?
- E. How does the promise of eternal glory motivate you to endure suffering in the here and now?

III. Exhortation to Everyone – Read 1 Peter 5:12-14

- A. How does person and work of Jesus give us a glorious example to follow as believers?
- B. What do you think it looks like to stand firm in the true grace of God (v.12)?
- C. What do you think is the most important thing that you learned from 1 Peter?