

# Discussion Questions for Sunday, April 19, 2015

## 1 Peter: A Living Hope - Standing Firm in Christ, Pt. 1 (1 Peter 5:5-7)

1. 1 Peter 5:5-6 present us with the first 2 of 8 attitudes that are seen in 1 Peter 5:5-14. Attitudes that drive our actions. Submission to God and others, and humility before God and others. These are present in people who are standing firm in Christ. How are they recognized in our actions?
2. Interact with the following:  

SUBMISSION: an attitude which counteracts selfish pride. You won't submit, you can't submit, when you are filled with pride. You're too puffed up, bloated with self-importance, swollen with conceit. God can painfully downsize you so you can submit. Good followers of the Chief Shepherd follow human shepherds well. Submission is a sign of spiritual maturity.
3. Discuss this idea: The only place where humility survives is in the presence of God. Apart from God all there is, is pride.
4. Review and discuss the following...
  - a. People who are clothed with humility do not deny the Gospel or set aside the Bible.
  - b. People who are clothed with humility don't insist on their own way.
  - c. People who are clothed with humility do not let misunderstandings fester but they go out of their way to make things right. Hebrews 12:15.
  - d. People clothed with humility take repentance very seriously.Read and pray through Ephesians 4:31-5:2 together.