

Discussion Questions for Sunday, April 26, 2015

1 Peter: A Living Hope - Standing Firm in Christ, Pt. 2 (1 Peter 5:7)

1. 1 Peter 5:7 presents us with the 3rd of 8 attitudes that are seen in 1 Peter 5:5-14. Submission to God and others, Humility before God and others, Active Trust in God. These are present in people who are standing firm in Christ. How is this 3rd attitude recognized in your actions?
2. Discuss the idea of casting all your anxieties on God.

Immediate context: Cast the worry and anxiety you feel in the context of church leadership and followership, and leave it in God's hands. Don't take it in your hands to right every perceived wrong.

Wider context: Cast on God everything that causes turmoil for you, anything that threatens true Christian fellowship. Cast means "to throw upon". It's a decisive act on our part. Peter does not say what the anxiety is. You can apply this to any difficulty you face as a believer who wants to live godly in a fallen world faces.
3. Look up the following references in the Psalms that show us proof that God cares...
He rescues from distress 34:19
His thoughts to believers are without number 40:5
He keeps our enemies from triumphing over us 41:11
He is a refuge and strength in trouble 46:1; 138:3
He hears and answers our prayers 24/7 55:17
He is ready to forgive 31:8, 32:8, 48:14, 51, 73:24
He is good for those who walk with him 84:11
4. Interact with the following:
"When all is said and done, we look to the cross of Christ and see the ultimate explanation and example of God's care for us. For God so loved the world. If you need someone to show you the epitome of God's care, it is the cross of Christ. Where he made peace through the blood of his cross. In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his son to be the propitiation for our sins. Magnanimous grace, multifaceted mercy. Jesus loves you and He cares for you."
5. Talk about the Christ-centered, Gospel-sized nature of the solution. How does the gospel change your outlook? And even your inlook?
6. Pray through the GCO prayer guide together as a group.