



Discussion Guide: Faithful Resistance

Passage: 1 Peter 5:6-14

Summary: Peter closes his letter with a final charge for the church to be humble, sober-minded, alert in the face of evil, and ready to resist the Evil One. We're called to be faithful in exile. While this may sound impossible, we're promised that our faithful God will provide all that we need to live out this holy calling.

Discussion Questions:

1. To “humble yourself under the mighty hand of God” is to humbly trust God’s care for you in the midst of trials, rather than anxiously trying to control your world. What do you need to open your hands, let go of, and entrust to God? How do you sometimes try to anxiously control your world?
2. Peter writes that we have a very real enemy, the Devil, who is seeking to destroy us. How does this reality actually affect your day to day life? Are you aware of it? If not, why do you think that is?
3. Your resistance depends on the strength of your faith. What steps is God inviting you to take to be strengthened? (*Some examples: through habits of attachment to Jesus, through community, through the weekly gathering and liturgy of the church*)
4. Why does Peter end with this four-fold promise that God will “strengthen” you (in four different ways)? How does this truth help you resist?