

Study Questions:

1 Peter 5

Show Humility to One Another

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Getting to Know You

1. What was the most intriguing and/or important part of the sermon for you?
2. Who in your life most demonstrated a life of service and humility for others and why?

Digging Deeper

Did You Know: In 1 Peter 5:5 that Peter charges the elders directly (and by extension all of us) to “clothe ourselves in/with humility.” The imagery that Peter uses is for us to tie on an apron. The specific apron Peter has in mind is the apron of a domesticated slave/servant in the Roman Empire.

3. Did you notice that in 1 Peter 2:18–20 that Peter addresses domestic slaves/servants first? Peter then calls the elders to metaphorically wear the attire of a domestic slave in 1 Peter 5:5. How does this leveling of the social status help you grasp humility better?
4. 1 Peter 5:8 teaches that the devil is our adversary. Peter is unquestionably worried about this because he issues four commands: humble yourselves (5:6), be sober-minded (5:8), be on alert (5:8), and resist (5:9). Do you consciously go about your day with the heightened awareness that the devil is your adversary? How does his adversarial prowling (1) challenge you to consider the nature and function of the body of Christ and (2) challenge you to understand better the purpose of the Lord’s Prayer that calls us to pray that we “will not lead to temptation, but rescue us from the evil one” (Matt 5:13)?

Living It Out Action Points:

(1) Starts with Humility (2) Continue with Humility (3) End with Humility

5. Peter is addressing the elders directly, as a fellow elder. Yet, he charges them to serve as a domesticated slave. How does his imagery that calls us to serve one another, challenge you to put on the mind of Christ and to clothe yourself with humility, even when you are being mistreated by your boss, spouse a family member, or even someone you don’t know?
6. The point of the sermon is that God gives grace to the humble. How does the four things that Christ does for us strengthen you and encourage you to live a life that exudes humility. (1) Christ will restore you. (2) Christ will confirm you. (3) Christ will strengthen you. (4) Christ will establish [give you a firm base] you.