



DIGGING DEEPER

1 Peter 5:1-14

This study guide is designed to help you dig deeper into the weekend message and apply it to your life. The questions below are meant to encourage thoughtful reflection, discussion, and prayer for you and your group.

➔ Missed the message or want to hear it again? fairoaks.church/sermons or the Fair Oaks Church App

PRAY [Have someone open in prayer.]

KEY SCRIPTURE [read aloud]

1 Peter 5:1-4 | To the elders among you, I appeal as a fellow elder and a witness of Christ's sufferings who also will share in the glory to be revealed: ²Be shepherds of God's flock that is under your care, watching over them—not because you must, but because you are willing, as God wants you to be; not pursuing dishonest gain, but eager to serve; ³not lording it over those entrusted to you, but being examples to the flock. ⁴And when the Chief Shepherd appears, you will receive the crown of glory that will never fade away.

What is something that impacted you in this series on 1 Peter or our key scripture?

➔ Interested in Background: thebibleproject.com/explore/1-peter

Spiritual Practice: *Lectio Divina* (Latin for Divine Reading)

Lectio Divina is a practice of scripture reading, meditation, and prayer. It is a practice meant to elevate scripture into a living text that is capable of speaking directly into our lives. The practice consists of four simple steps: reading the passage, thinking on the passage, praying for clarity on how the passage is speaking into your life, and share what stood out to you.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

In this study you are going to read through the entirety of 1 Peter.

1. Have one person read through the first chapter slowly out loud.
2. Tell each person in your group to think quietly for 1-2 minutes on the chapter.
3. Tell each person in your group to pray individually about how the scripture is speaking to them.
4. Ask each person in your group to share specific words, sentences, or passages that spoke to them.
5. Do this same process for each chapter of 1 Peter (i.e. chapters 2-5, as many as you have time to get through).

PRAY [Close in prayer!]

➔ **Reminder:** Life Groups are currently on break. Spring Session runs weeks of May 5-June 19. Find more info at fairoaks.church/groups