



Gospel Community Study Questions

1 Peter - Hope in Hostility | **The Grace Filled Life (1 Peter 5)**

Key Passages: 1 Peter 5

Big Idea: Those who are born again will endure to the end by grace of God

Read & Discuss

Read 1 Peter 5 together paying particular notice to how the theme of Grace is threaded through this closing portion of Peter's letter.

Peter speaks directly to the Elders ('Shepherds') in the church encouraging them live in an exemplary way. What does Peter say this will look like in verses 1-6 and how will this gracious type of leadership help the church endure through the difficulties of life?

In verses 6-11 Peter again reminds us that we have a glorious future ahead of us - even so, our present will be difficult. What truths in these verses do you find most helpful as you engage in the difficult circumstances of life, particularly the truth that God is a God of 'all Grace'?

Peter's closing comments in v12-14 give us a window into what a grace filled community looks like. Share together what you observe and what you think the 'Holy Kiss' could look like for us today?

This is the last in our series in Peter's first letter. Spend some time reflecting and sharing:

- which parts of the letter have helped you most over the last seven weeks
- which verses you have found most impactful
- how you can/hope to see transformation in your life as a result of what you've studied

Pray

Close out your time together giving thanks to God for what you've just shared asking Him to continue to bear fruit in our lives by transforming us in the ways we've just reflected.

What's next

Next week we'll be starting a three week Advent series looking at the gifts we receive through the coming of Christ.

Head's up....

- Carol Singing at the end of Lark Lane, Saturday 11th December, 6pm
- There will be no formal worship gathering on **Sunday 26th December** (Boxing Day)