



**The Pastor's Heart**  
**1 Peter 5:1-7**  
**Week of May 26, 2019**

**Objective of this study:** To understand and apply more of what Peter learned from his lifetime of walking with Jesus.

[Remember, the main goal of each Growth Group is to allow God's Word to change your heart so that others would see Jesus in you and be likewise changed to be like him. He wants to change the world through us.]

**Worship (5 – 10 minutes)**

1. Sing a song or two of praise and thanksgiving to God.
2. Spend five minutes in silence asking God to prepare your heart for hearing his word. After the silence, have someone read **Ephesians 5:1-2** meditatively to the group. Pause after each phrase letting God speak to you. **Did anything "jump out at you"?**

**Welcome question**

**Who have you imitated in your life?**

[It's really important when doing this study that we each think about ourselves specifically and ways we need to grow, not how Christians in general need to grow. Do the hard work of letting the Holy Spirit speak to *your* heart.]

**Word/Work (60-90 minutes)**

1. What stood out from the sermon?

**Sermon quotes:** "When we do things for God for the wrong reasons while neglecting our hearts it tears at the fabric of our souls."

"We purposefully follow Jesus, allowing him to teach us and change us. We imitate Christ so others see Jesus in us and imitate Christ in us. This is discipleship. It's apprenticeship."

2. Read 1 Peter 5:1-7.
3. Luke 6:45 says "A good person produces good things from the treasury of a good heart." Peter had walked with Jesus for 3 years while Jesus was on earth. After Jesus' return to heaven, Peter continued walking with Jesus and learning from him, through the Holy Spirit. Over this time, he gleaned many treasures of wisdom and transformation, stored them in his heart, and worked them into his life. Take another look at 1 Peter 5:1-7. What treasures of wisdom, gleaned from walking with Jesus, does he share with his readers?
4. Colossians 1:27 says: "Christ lives in you. This gives you assurance of sharing his glory." Take another look at 1 Peter 5:2-6 and John 17:1-10, 17-25. What does knowing we will share Christ's glory lead to? How does it affect unity and humility?
5. Read Philippians 4:6-7 and 1 Peter 5:7. **Sermon quote:** "This is not just for pastors. Do we really believe God cares about us?" As we spend time with Jesus, and nurture our relationship with him, rather than only being busy doing things FOR him, our hearts will be fed, and we will grow in our awareness of his love and care for us.

6. Read Ephesians 5:1-2 and consider the following **sermon quote**: “Discipleship is imitation...Each of us should have someone discipling us... And each of us should also have others we are discipling. They imitate us as we follow Jesus... We should always be thinking, “What is the next step I need to take in becoming more like Jesus?” **Question**: In which of the things talked about today is the Holy Spirit nudging you to imitate Jesus more?
7. **Sermon quote**: “If we cannot handle our schedule and do the things we are doing well, to the neglect of our hearts, then some of the things we are doing are not from God – even though they may be good things.”
8. Considering all of the above, what would you like to take with you and apply this week?

**Prayer:**

1. Spend the rest of the time praying for each other. **Praise God together for how he works, and how he allows us to partner with him to accomplish things in his kingdom.**
2. Here are some things you can pray about for the church:
  - A. That, as a church, we would actively and purposefully engage in the mission of Jesus in Campbell River.
  - B. Our church board and staff as they lead us to live out the mission of Jesus.
  - C. River Kids ministry as they reach out to kids in our community.
  - D. **Our missionary of the week**: Glen and Lorrain Bueckert. (Check out the church [website](#) for how to pray for them.)
  - E. Local church: Black Creek Community Church.

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