

Sermon Bible Study Series

Title: First Peter: The Exilic Life—Peter's Closing Comments

Primary Text: 1 Peter 5:1-14

Expanded Reading: Ephesians 6

Big Idea: *Peter closes his letter to suffering Christians in Asia Minor with a call to humility, spiritual warfare, and community.*

Review

What to you was the most significant teaching you recall from the message? What spoke to you?

In Focus

Re-read the Primary Text

- 1) *Peter's command to be humble is a command to trust God's power rather than our own. Is there a place in life right now where you need to trust God's power?*
- 2) *Christians believe in the existence of an Evil One who wants to corrupt our faith. Why do you think it is difficult to believe in personal evil in the modern world?*
- 3) *The devil has four tactics: isolation, prevarication, temptation, and condemnation. Can you think of a place where you have experienced these tactics?*
- 4) *We stay strong through community. What are some ways that NSAC does a great job of encouraging community? What are some ways we could do better?*

Follow-up

Did the sermon raise any questions you wished you could ask?

Can you locate any potential answers to those questions in Scripture?

Mission

Think about how spiritual warfare relates to evangelism. Do you feel fear when challenged to share your faith? How do you think the Evil One responds when we begin sharing Christ? When someone is new to Christian faith, are they uniquely vulnerable, or uniquely strong against spiritual attack? How can the community of faith support the spiritual work of evangelism?