

## Discussion Notes for 1 Peter 5 • Final Thoughts

- Summarize Peter's exhortation to elders in **verses 1-4**. What is the overall theme?
- Why is it important for churches to pay attention to the guidelines Peter lays out for elders?
- What is the promise given to elders in **verse 4**?
- Why is it necessary for the Body of Christ to be supportive of and willing to follow godly pastoral leadership in the church according to **1 Peter 5:5-6**?
- The Bible says quite a lot about humbling ourselves. Why do you think that is?
- How exactly can a believer humble him or herself?
- According to **verse 7** we are exhorted to cast all our anxieties upon the Lord. What is the best way to do that? What are the challenges that believers face casting their cares on the Lord?
- For the third time in this letter Peter exhorts us to clear-minded thinking. (5:8) Why do you think he felt the need to repeat that exhortation?
- What are some of the ways we can cloud our thinking and how can we avoid those things?
- Why is it important to know the devil's intentions toward us?
- We are told to resist the devil, which means to withstand or stand against his activities in our life. How can we best take up this defensive position?
- How can we help one another in the Body of Christ to build up their faith?
- Why should **verse 11** encourage us?
- In **verse 12** Peter exhorts us to "stand firm" in the grace that has been revealed. How do we do that?