



House Church Study Questions Based on the SAC Sermon on November 7, 2021

Sermon: Lest We Forget
Text: 1 Peter 5:1-10

Gathering Guidelines

Intro videos will be starting again next week (November 14th)

Take some time to worship

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Sc6SSHuZvQE> Reckless Love

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pH7_SoveFQ8 Love of God (No words for this one but I just wanted you to hear this. . .soooo beautiful)

Read

1 Peter 5:1-10

Discussion Questions

Icebreaker Question: You are going to sail around the world. You have just bought a new boat and you get to name it before you set sail. What would you name it?

(Reminder for Groups: You are provided two sets of questions. The main ones are on the left and then another set in boxes on the right. Don't feel obligated to answer all of them. *The point is not to get through all the questions, but is instead to engage, learn, and grow in your faith. Take a step of faith and trust your group with your own questions and thoughts. Have fun!*)

Question #1: On Sunday Pastor Marty talked about being forgetful. Do you think that being forgetful is a negative character trait? Can you think of any reason why being forgetful might be a good thing?

Additional Question: Can you recall a memory of something that happened to you (both good or bad) that had a significant impact on your life? Share it with your group and let them speak life in response back to you.

Question #2: Pastor Marty talked about commitment. What does commitment look like to you today? Is it different in society and in church (be honest!)? What is an area of your life where commitment means a lot to you?

Additional Question: If commitment is important then how do you go about actually living it out? Does loyalty come with a cost? What might be an example of something that is lost if you choose to commit to something?

Question #3: Read 1 Peter 5:5. It talks about submitting to elders. "Elders" here in Greek is *presbyterois*, which basically means they are talking about the elders who have been entrusted with the spiritual leadership of the church.

Additional Question: 1 Peter 5:5 also says that every one of us should 'clothe yourselves with humility toward one another, because God opposes the proud but shows favor to the humble.'

Does it make sense to you to *submit* to the elders? Does it make you feel uncomfortable to seriously consider this? Without any pressure or judgment, talk seriously in your group what submitting to the elders means to you. How does it make you feel? Does it seem to be a foreign concept?

Talk about practical examples of how you can show humility toward each other. Also talk about how God feels about this. . .what benefits might come from Him if we lived this way?

Question #4: Read 1 Peter 5:6-7. Ultimately we are all to humble ourselves under God. First of all, if we did this how would that affect our ability to humble ourselves toward each other? Do you get a sense of how unity might arise that would look very different from the world?

Additional Question: It says in verse 7 that we are to cast all our anxiety on God. Can you think of what kind of anxiety might arise if we were to take seriously humbling ourselves toward each other?

Question #5: Read 1 Peter 5:8-10. God teaches us that humility is of major importance to followers of Jesus. He even seems to equate humble and committed living as a way of counteracting the attacks of the devil who is trying to destroy us. Can you think of why committing to be humble toward each other (in the Family of God), and toward God Himself, is a powerful way to take your stand against the Enemy? Doesn't humility just sound *weak*?

Additional Question: Can you genuinely humble yourself before God and not humble yourself before other believers that are your brothers and sisters in the Lord? Read 1 John 4:20-21 (it talks about love here but it provides the same principle).

Invitation and Mission for this week

This week take on the challenge to grow in your humility.

What is one thing you can do to show humility toward the elders in your church this week?

What is one thing you can do to show humility toward God this week?

What is one thing you can do to show humility toward another house church this week?

(Recommendation: Take the time needed to come up with answers to this mission before you leave.)

Pray for each other