

## Week Nine

### Wrapping Up Our Study

*Studies in 1 Peter for the White Station Church of Christ*

*These questions are designed to help you dig deeper into 1 Peter 5:1-14*

#### **Video 1 – Guidance from a Fellow-Elder**

1. What does the word “elder” mean? What other words are used in the New Testament to signify the function of these same persons? What do those words mean?
2. Read John 10:11-18. What do you hear from this text that is important to the function of elder-shepherds in Christ’s church?
3. Identify the three *negative-positive* pairs of elder duties identified by Peter. Summarize each of the three in your own words.
4. Sunday’s sermon distinguished between “office” and “function” in relation to the work of an elder. How have historical developments altered our understanding of how authority should be understood in the church?
5. Close this particular study by praying for the White Station elders. The past year has been particularly challenging, and they need your support, encouragement, and prayers.

#### **Video 2 – Counsel for the Entire Church**

1. What transition is made at 1 Peter 5:5b? (*Note: See 3:8 for a similar transition from a sub-group to the entire readership of the epistle.*)
2. Define *humility* in your own words. How is the concept often misunderstood?
3. Peter hints that humility among believers is rooted in how each of us sees himself or herself in relation to God (vs.5-6). Explain his meaning.
4. What were the *anxieties* of Peter’s original readers? What are some of the *anxieties* our culture is facing right now? The White Station Church? You? How can believers support each other in dealing with these issues?
5. People facing difficulties can get confused about “the real enemy” – and lash out at one another. Where does Peter place the ultimate blame for Christian suffering?

#### **Video 3 – “Peace to All of You Who Are in Christ”**

1. Writing from “Babylon” (Rome), Peter identifies two co-workers who had some share in writing this epistle. What do you know about Silvanus (NRSV) or Silas (NIV)? (v.12).
2. In the second century, Justin Martyr refers to our Gospel of Mark as “the memoirs of Peter” and suggests that Mark wrote his Gospel while in Italy. What does the reference to “my son Mark” indicate about the Peter-Mark relationship? What else do you know about Mark?
3. What purposes behind the writing of this epistle are named at verse 12?
4. Do you recall the definition of *shalom* given in the video? What is your reaction?
5. Looking back over the reading and study of 1 Peter under the theme “Chosen Exiles,” what has been the single most important insight you will take from it?