



Rooted Leadership Among the Groves

Small Group Questions

Week of November 16, 2025

Icebreaker: Do you have a nickname? It only counts if it was given to you. You can't pick it! If so, where did your nickname originate?

We know more about Simon Peter than about any of the other disciples - but even his names reveal some of the issues he struggled with. Simon was his personal name; it meant "impulsive," "unsteady." Jesus is the one who gave him the name Peter or "rock;" Jesus saw what the man would become.

-LifeGuide Bible Study on The Twelve Disciples

Optional Opening Activity: What descriptive name do you think Jesus would give you and why? If small group members struggle to think of an answer, try to help them based on what promising characteristics you see in them.

Discussion Questions: Read 1 Peter 5:1-7 together.

1. How does Peter's call for leaders to be an example, not to "lord it over" others, apply to leadership roles in our lives (example: at work, home, or church)?
2. What is the connection Peter makes between humility and receiving God's grace?
3. What does it look like practically to "clothe yourselves with humility" toward one another?
4. Notice Peter's focus on leadership motivation in verse two. Do you think leaders take enough time to regularly question their own motives? And since we are all called to lead within our communities, how might we continuously make sure our motives are aligned with God's plan for us?
5. How can trusting in God's care for you help you overcome anxiety, especially during challenging times?
6. How do the commands to be humble (verses 5-6) and to cast anxieties on God (verse 7) relate to each other?

Rooted - A Centerpoint Core Value: Can you share a time when God spoke to you clearly through Scripture? What is one step you can take this week to deepen your roots - in Scripture or in community?

Reflection: The almost unanimous testimony of the early church is that Peter went to Rome around A.D. 61 and was martyred there, condemned to death by Emperor Nero. Peter asked to be crucified head down and feet up since he did not consider himself worthy to die as his Lord had. In the end Peter gave his life as a testimony of his faith in Jesus. What would you want your family and friends to say about you after you die? What are you doing right now to build that testimony?

Pray: Take time to pray together. Ask the Holy Spirit to guide you as you seek to discover new and dynamic ways to take root in your community. Pray for discernment as you keep watch for the new things God is up to... because God is always up to something!