

NEW TESTAMENT WRITERS

PETER

Pray: ask God to open your mind, soul and spirit to His teaching through His Word

Think: the questions are designed to expand your knowledge of God and His Word

Begin: using only your Bible, answer the questions* without other outside sources

**questions are based on New International Version (NIV)*

Lesson 17 • 1 Peter 5

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1. What truth, verse or insight from last week's study of **1 Peter 4** has been helpful to you?
2. Who does Peter address in the beginning of Chapter 5?
3. In **V2–3** to what roles are these elders called, and with what attitude are they called to serve?
4. Though Peter's teaching is directed toward church leaders, what truths can you apply to those you are called to care for and oversee?

– For what changes in your attitude will you pray as you serve?

5. Peter's experiences must have influenced his teaching in **V1–11**. What connections do you see from the following passages?
V2– the call to shepherding of God's flock (John 21:15–19)

V6–Humble yourselves...that He may lift you up in due time. (Matthew 26:69–75)

V10—The God of all grace...after you have suffered a little while, will Himself restore you and make you strong, firm and steadfast. (John 21:15–19)

– Share any other connected verses you may find.

6. How are you encouraged by Peter's words in **V1–12** in light of his experiences?

7. As we obey these commands, what does **V4** say we will receive when the Chief Shepherd appears?

– What other amazing gifts and qualities are unfading? (See 1 Peter 1:4 and 1 Peter 3:4)

8. According to **V5** and **V10** what other gifts does God give and to whom?

9. What does Peter call us to do in **V7**?

– How have you done this?

– Peter uses the word **ALL** in **V7**—In what areas of your life do you still need to do this?

10. According to **V8**, why should you be alert?

– What are we to do in **V9**?

