- 1. Share an example of a time in your life when you had to endure hardship. What helped you make it? Were there any particularly low points? Why did they exist? How did you get through them?
- 2. Read 1 Peter 5:8-14. How does Peter remind his audience of their past? What about their past is particularly relevant to their present situation?
- 3. How does Peter describe the future in v10? What promises does God offer that motivate the believer to stand firm in hard times?
- 4. Read 5:8-9. What tactics does the devil use to attempt to devour believers? Why is it important to be aware of his schemes? What limitations does the devil have compared to the abilities of God?
- 5. What resources are at the believer's disposal for standing firm in the faith? Why and how is community relevant? How does knowing the sufferings of others help the believers?
- 6. What charge does Peter give in and in 5:12? Given what we've studied throughout the whole book of 1 Peter, recall several ways Peter challenges us to apply this charge.
- 7. Why does Peter include a doxology (5:11) near the end of his letter?
- 8. What one or two things do you need to remember to hold onto as we walk away from our time together in 1 Peter? Ask God for strength and courage to do just that. Then, go and Stand Firm!