

THE ROARING LION(1 PETER 5:8-11)

SMALL GROUP QUESTIONS

- How are we tempted to respond to challenges without this encouragement?
- What metaphor does Peter use to describe the devil? What can we learn from this metaphor?
- What are some examples from Peter's past that he may have been thinking back to as he describes suffering in this passage?
- What did it look like for Peter to stand firm, or not stand firm, in his faith in his own past? How does it look for you to stand firm, or not stand firm, in your faith?
- What assumption does Peter make in regards to believers and their relationship towards the devil? Why is this important?
- How does acknowledging the suffering of other believers help you to stand firm in your faith and resist the devil?
- When you stand firm in your faith, what will the outcome of all suffering ultimately be? How does that realization affect your perspective on suffering?



FAMILY QUESTIONS

- What is the best way to prepare when you know you are about to face something hard?
- When you are prepared for them, how does that change your experience of difficult things?

WEEKLY PRAYER

- Our Men & Women in Uniform
- Ray & Myrtle Morris, APOYO Central and South America
- Tom Meyer, Elder
- Josiah Rocke, Director of Operations & Systems
- KZPreschool
- Faith Christian Church, New London
- Those who do not yet have a personal relationship with the Lord Jesus (Col 4:2-4)

SCRIPTURE MEMORY

Now who is there to harm you if you are zealous for what is good? But even if you should suffer for righteousness' sake, you will be blessed. Have no fear of them, nor be troubled, but in your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect, having a good conscience, so that, when you are slandered, those who revile your good behavior in Christ may be put to shame.

1 Peter 3:13-16(ESV)