



4/17/16 Small Group Questions

1. Read I Peter 5:1-5: What is the "therefore" a reference to in verse 1? What was happening to the church in northern Asia Minor that Peter is writing to?
2. Read 5:6-10: Again, the reality of suffering is addressed. Why would Peter address elder leadership in the church in the overall context of suffering? What benefit is there in Peter identifying himself as a fellow-elder? (v.1)
3. How should an elder shepherd? What does real life shepherding involve? What are the three negatives Peter lists in regard to elder oversight?
4. Remembering the abuses of bishops in the middle ages, what had to have happened to Peter's teaching concerning elders? How do we guard against the same abuse of leadership today?
5. In what ways do you expect the elders of Currey Creek to be examples? What is the reward for elders who lead well? What is to be the response of those who are not elders? (v.5) What role does humility play in any church polity?