

COMMUNITY GROUP GUIDE

when your faith is tested

INTRODUCTION |

The reality of life is that there are many stresses and difficulties. How is it that we can focus and desire God in the midst of such struggles? As we are engulfed by such difficulties we must entrust all things to God in prayer? Believe, that in the face of any struggle you are loved by God, Satan has been defeated, and Christ is raised to eternal glory and all things are given us in Him. To constantly and repeated remember these things is foundational.

SCRIPTURE | 1 Peter 5:6-11

6 Humble yourselves, therefore, under God's mighty hand, that he may lift you up in due time. 7 Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you. 8 Be alert and of sober mind. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour. 9 Resist him, standing firm in the faith, because you know that the family of believers throughout the world is undergoing the same kind of sufferings. 10 And the God of all grace, who called you to his eternal glory in Christ, after you have suffered a little while, will himself restore you and make you strong, firm and steadfast. 11 To him be the power for ever and ever. Amen.

QUESTIONS |

- 1: In verse 7, what are the anxieties discussed? What are the reactionary ye fancies of your heart?(confusion? self reliance? to forget God's love?)
- 2: looking at verses 6-7, In the face of daily stresses and failures what hope do we have in God?
- 3: As you look at verses 8-9, do you concern yourself with Satan? What kinds of things are written about Satan in the Scriptures? How does one stand against Satan?
- 4: How can you trust God for your worries and concerns? What are the practical steps you can take? Why would that be difficult?
- 5: Does the message of Jesus Christ's gospel allow us turn all of our worry over to God?
- 6: What are some concrete way this section of scripture can be lived out or applied in your daily walk with the Lord?

PRAYER |

- Pray that as God rules over us we would turn our anxieties over to Him.
- Pray that in the times when faith is tested as a church we would be secured in grace, love and the gospel.

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UPCOMING EVENTS | This Week & Next Week

Grace city choir (11/28)

Lunchtime meetings (11/30 Marunouchi, 12/1 Otemachi)

Obento Project (12/3)

Sunday worship service (12/4: 2 Services 1pm/3:30pm)

Lunchtime meetings (12/6 Akasaka, 12/7 Kasumigaseki, 12/8 Otemachi)

Sunday worship service (12/11: 2 Services 1pm/3:30pm)

Christmas party (12/17 6pm~)

Kids Christmas party (12/18 before the Sunday service)