



NEW HORIZONS SMALL GROUPS

Sermon Title: 1 Peter - Suffering & Shepherding

Scripture Reference: 1 Peter 4-5

Connection:

- What do you remember most from last week's sermon?
- How did you hear God's voice or sense His presence this past week?
- What's one thing you're looking forward to this fall?

Reflection:

- Summarize this week's sermon in one to three sentences. What was the main point of the message?
- What did the message say about you, God's people or the world?

Application:

1. How does following Christ reshape a person's desires, priorities, and daily decisions? What are some specific ways you've seen this transformation happen in your own life or in others? What does it mean to be "anxious to do the will of God"?
2. **Read:** Galatians 5:16-17
Why is it important for Christians to expect suffering instead of being surprised by it? How can seasons of hardship deepen faith and strengthen trust in God's character? What are some healthy ways to respond when trials come?
3. **Read:** 2 Corinthians 4:16-18
What are some ways we can identify and use our spiritual gifts to serve others in practical, everyday ways? How does using our gifts bring unity and maturity to the church? What happens when believers neglect or misuse their gifts?
4. **Read:** 1 Corinthians 12:4-7
What does genuine humility look like in daily life and leadership? How

can humility coexist with confidence and strength? What attitudes or habits help guard against pride or false humility?

5. How can the church show respect and support for godly leaders while also ensuring accountability and shared responsibility within the body of Christ? What are some signs of healthy leadership and healthy follower-ship in a church community?