

Summary Notes

1 Peter 5

- The three big themes we have seen in the letter are:
 - Living Godly lives (because of who we are)
 - Suffering
 - Christ's ultimate example
- In this last section of the letter Peter makes reference to the Elders and the young men, this does not mean we cannot learn and apply what he says to them.
- Peter lists the attitudes we should have in our Godly living, with Christ as our ultimate example:
 - willing (v.2)
 - not be greedy (v.2)
 - eager to serve (v.2)
 - be examples (v.3)
 - be submissive (v.5)
 - humble yourselves (v.6)
 - Be self-controlled and alert (v.8)
 - Resist him (the devil) and stand firm in your faith (v.9)
- Christ's ultimate example of humbling himself can be our motivation (Philippians 2:5-8)
- We continue to see the pattern of suffering now – glory later (v.1, 4, 6, 10) Peter is focussing on the future glory – where is our perspective?

How does Peter help us to stand firm in our faith from this letter?

How does this passage challenge our behaviour to be humble?

What can we learn from this passage about having an eternal perspective?