- 1) Begin your time by briefly praying and asking the Holy Spirit to help you as you discuss and study.
- 2) Read 1 Peter 5:1-11 together.
- 3) What stuck out to you as you read? Is there anything you don't understand? Is there anything you'd like to discuss?
- 4) In verses 1-4, Peter gives instructions to pastors/elders about how they are to lead. Are the things Peter instructs what you think of when you think of pastors? Explain.
- 5) Why is humility necessary to follow the leadership of the church?
- 6) Verse 7 tells us to cast all of our anxieties on Jesus. What are you currently anxious about?
- 7) Many times we don't cast our anxieties on Jesus (at least not initially) what practices sometimes take the place of crying out to God in prayer when things go wrong?
- 8) What is verse 6 talking about? When will this happen?
- 9) What does it mean to "be sober-minded" and "be watchful" as it relates to resisting the enemy?
- 10) Verses 9 and 10 make it clear that Christians will suffer. Do you feel equipped to suffer when it inevitably comes? What would make you more prepared?
- 11) How does knowing that God will: "restore, confirm, strengthen, and establish you" help you to fight temptation and suffer well?
- 12) End your time in prayer. Ask God to help you apply the things you've discussed and learned during this time of study.