

Small Group Questions

Beauty of The Church

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*You do NOT have to answer or discuss every question. Feel free to just pick a few. These are meant to guide you in truth. If you are having trouble answering a question, ask your small group leader to help you. They are committed to helping you develop as an authentic follower of Christ.

The COMMUNITY:

1. If you have made New Years resolutions, have you stuck to them?
If you didn't make resolutions, why not?

Into the WORD/APPLICATION:

Here are some suggested sites in order to dive deeper into God's Word: blueletterbible.org, desiringgod.org/articles/all, biblos.com, ccel.org, logos.com, connect.ligonier.org, thegospelcoalition.org/channel/bible-and-theology.

Read 1 Peter 5:1-5 (use other translations to gain a broader understanding of the text) and answer the follow questions:

1. In the first few verses, Peter references the office of elder. What is an elder and what are the requirements to be an elder? (see 1 Tim 3:1-7 and Titus 1:5-9)

2. Can/should women be elders? Why or why not?

- 3a. In verse 5, Peter exhorts the reader to "clothe themselves with humility." What does that look like?

- b. What does that have to do with leadership?

- 4a. Also in verse 5, Peter states that "God resists the proud, but gives grace to the humble." Was there ever a time in your life where your pride caused issues for you? What was the result?

- b. How do we grow in humility?

5. What are your spiritual goals for 2019?