



December 27th, 2009
Sermon Based Studies

Group member guide

“Surviving Life #19 In the Serengeti”
1 Peter 5:8-14

Text: 1 Peter 5:8-14—⁸ Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour. ⁹ Resist him, firm in your faith, knowing that the same kinds of suffering are being experienced by your brotherhood throughout the world. ¹⁰ And after you have suffered a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to His eternal glory in Christ, will Himself restore, confirm, strengthen, and establish you. ¹¹ To Him be the dominion forever and ever. Amen.

¹² By Silvanus, a faithful brother as I regard him, I have written briefly to you, exhorting and declaring that this is the true grace of God. Stand firm in it. ¹³ She who is at Babylon, who is likewise chosen, sends you greetings, and so does Mark, my son. ¹⁴ Greet one another with the kiss of love.

Peace to all of you who are in Christ.” (ESV)

Getting to know me

1. When was there a time when you felt especially pressured to do something that you knew was wrong?

2. How do you stay alert when you are driving long distances? Is there any correlation to staying alert against the Devil?

Into the Bible

1. Look at two other places, I Tim. 3:7 and II Tim. 2:26, the Devil is said to have laid a “trap.” One is for believers and one for “opponents” who do not have a “knowledge of the truth.” What are some traps that we should be aware of to avoid?
2. What are the three ways that Pastor Dean notes that Satan is described in Scripture? How do you see him manifested in our world in this way?
3. Both Peter and James (4:7) say to resist the Devil. James says that he will flee. Look at the weapons of our warfare in Eph. 6:10-17 and I Thess. 5:8. Compare the “breastplate” in these two verses. How does these give you hope for resisting Satan?
4. We draw courage from the fact that our brothers are engaged in the same battle. How does verse 10 strengthen you?
5. What’s the impression of Paul’s relationships that you get from the final three verses?

Application Questions

1. What have you found helpful in resisting the devil and his traps?
2. How does it help you to know that other believers in the world are facing the same or even greater struggles?
3. Pastor Dean cautioned the following—
WHEN THE FIRE GOES OUT, THE LION MOVES IN –
WHEN STRAGGLERS ROAM, THE LION FEEDS –
WHERE BUFFALO ARGUE, THE LION FEEDS –
WHEN FATHER’S WORD IS DISOBEYED, THE LION MOVES IN

Which is a caution for you?