



November 3, 2024

Be. Week 5
Be: United

Scripture: 1 Peter 5:1-7

Big Idea: Humility is at the core of a unified church that will both survive and thrive.

The Challenge:

As Peter wraps up his letter, he takes a moment to address two groups of hearers. First, he addresses the elders – both in authority and in age and urges them to live in such a way that there is a compelling example for the younger people to follow. In a sense, he is getting the elders to look at how they live and ask the question ‘if people follow me, will I lead them to a life in Jesus?’ Second, he addresses the younger audience, urging them to set aside their youthful pride or contempt and follow the good examples set by their elders. He finishes with the key to all of this – living a life of deep humility. He challenges them to rid themselves of the attitude of ‘I know best’ and to submit to the will and care of God, which will lead to a life of self-sacrificing service to one another.

Pastoral Prayer for this Message:

My prayer is that Jesus will lead us towards a transformed life and that all of us will hear Peter’s plea and take a moment this week to take a hard look at our lives and ask the Lord to reveal the areas of arrogance and contempt we have may for one another. I’m praying that we would be a community that is clothed with humility as we submit to the way of Jesus and live into the call he has for us.

Questions for Discussion:

1. Throughout your life, who have been some people that you have looked up to?
2. Who have been the people of faith that have had greatest impact for you? What was it about them that compelled you to follow their example?
3. For the elders, what is your attitude towards the younger generations? For younger person, what is your attitude towards the older generations? What might Jesus want to transform in you?
4. If someone were to look at your life, how would it compel someone towards the life Jesus has for them?
5. All throughout scripture, God calls his people towards humility. Reliance on and submission to his ways. What are examples of times you have had to ‘cast your anxiety on him’? How did he meet you in those moments?
6. For the elders, who are some younger people that you could intentionally serve in the ways described in this text? For the younger person, who are some elders you could ask to help you grow in your journey with Jesus?