

**DISCUSSION 1**

Pride and Humility: Pride is one of the main roots of sin.

1. How does pride hurt our relationship with God?
2. What are some ways that you can detect pride in your life?
3. How does humility during suffering reflect your view of mankind and your view of God?
4. How can desperation actually be a sign of humility?

**DISCUSSION 2**

We will experience suffering in this life, but with God, we can persevere to the end.

1. How does God's promise to exalt you motivate you to endure suffering?
2. Why does God tell us to humble ourselves under His mighty hand (read 1 Pet. 5:6, 11 and James 4:10)?
3. How could a better understanding of God help us in our walk with God (Heb. 13:5; Deut. 31:6)?
4. What does Peter mean that God will exalt us (read Heb. 11:6 and 1 Pet. 5:11)?

**DISCUSSION 3**

Our anxieties often reveal that our desperation is not for God. When we are desperate for God and rely on Him, God removes our anxieties.

1. How are you exercising humility when you cast your anxieties on God?
2. When we are desperate because of our circumstances, we often become anxious. What are some ways you can view desperation as a way to trust God?
3. Why does Peter say we should cast our anxieties on God? How does this reason help us to trust God (v. 7)?

## FAMILY DISCIPLESHIP QUESTIONS

1. What are some differences between us and God? How might these differences change the way you think about God, or how you treat Him?
2. What does it mean to be humbly desperate for God?
3. What are some ways that we can humble ourselves to be more desperate for God in our daily lives? Brainstorm as a family.
4. How does our humility before God help us fight the devil and stay strong in our faith?

## APPLICATION

1. Next time you are wronged or hurt, let your first reaction be to go to God rather than taking your frustration out on others.
2. Consider humbly pursuing God in community by joining a Small Group. If you are already in a Small Group, consider leading a group or inviting others you know to join or to lead a group. Visit [yourchurch.com/smallgroups](http://yourchurch.com/smallgroups) to learn more.

## PRAYER

**Group:** Discuss ways that each individual feels they could better display a spirit of desperation before God. Spend time praying for each individual.

**Personal:** Pray that God would grant you humility to be desperate for Him in the good times and bad.