**SCC SMALL GROUPS**

**THE BEAUTIFUL THING ABOUT BEAUTIFUL DAY**

**May 1, 2022 • I Peter 5:1-10**

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**Getting Started:**

A. If you had won the *Church Game Show* and received the grand prize of being the

Lead for a week, what would you do with your time?

B. When have you been the "shepherd" of a group? What group? How did it go?

**Searching the Scriptures:**

A. What good and bad motives does Peter give for being in leadership?

* Why would the motivation and conduct of elders be especially important in a church undergoing persecution?

• What qualities does Peter encourage elders to cultivate?

> Look up the following passages and note what they say about:

• Greed: Mark 7:21-22; Ephesians 5:5; 2 Peter 2:3,14

• Service: Ephesians 2:10; Galatians 1:15; I Corinthians 12:27; Colossians 3:23-24

• Good Example: Titus 2:7; Hebrews 13:7; 3 John 1:11

• How would each of these help in times of persecution?

B. What connections do you see between submissiveness, humility and anxiety?

• What anxieties do you imagine these people face?

• What would replace their fears as they followed verses 6-7?

C. What is the role of the Devil in persecution?

• What results does hope in God bring instead?

**Application of the Scriptures:**

A. In what area of your life would you like God to restore and make you strong, firm

and/or steadfast?

B. What leadership responsibilities do you have in your life right now?

• How would score yourself on Peter's leadership list?

• How could you improve your score?

C. In your life right now is the "lion" just looking for you, nibbling at your heels or

chewing you up? Explain.

• How can your group help you?