

SUNDAY, MAY 31

HUMILITY AND HOPE

COREY WIDMER ON
1 PETER 5: 1-11

We have been studying 1 Peter and Corey Widmer finishes our study this morning by explaining the connection between humility and hope.

READ

1 Peter 5:1-11

REFLECT

1. Corey said that humility is the key to facing evil because it “requires you to believe that you cannot face the challenges on your own.” Think about how you’ve seen the dangers of pride in your life.
2. Peter compares us to the weak, foolish, and vulnerable sheep. How does this comparison strike you? Does this change your opinion on your own autonomy?
3. Are you capable of admitting your status as a sheep? Can you embrace your inability to fend off lions and to rely on the Shepherd?
4. Corey said that “worry, at root, stems from overconfidence in your own opinion and your own ability to know what’s best for your life.” Do you feel in control of your life? Do you feel qualified to make decisions for what’s best?

PRAY

- + Confess to God areas of your life that you hold onto your own plans and concerns instead of holding them loosely before God.
- + Pray that God would give you, your group and our whole congregation a humility to let go of anxiety and pride and to rely on God to raise us up.
- + Pray for spiritual renewal and revival in our community.

PRACTICE

- + Anxiety is a symptom of Pride. In moving toward humility, try to avoid anxiety in the next week. Each time you begin to stress or see one of your plans gone awry – think of God’s love and release that anxiety.
- + Once a day, think about your life, work, and family. Instead of seeing yourself as the main character in each chapter, recalibrate putting yourself as a smaller but loved character. Allow this humility to illuminate that you are not the author of your story.