

**“We’re in This Together”**

1. From 1 Peter 5:6–10, what strategies do you find for faithfully living out our lives of faith in a world that is sometimes unfriendly and opposed to our faith and values?

Which of these instructions are most difficult for you to follow, and why? Tell of a time when you successfully followed one of these “strategies.” What was the result?

2. What do you think is the connection between Satan and worldwide persecution of Christians? (See 1 Peter 5:9.) Realizing that it may involve some speculation, how do you think the devil operates in regard to persecution?

When you realize that Satan is behind persecution, how does that change how you view persecution? How does it change how you view human agents responsible for persecution?

3. Based on the following passages from 1 Peter, what are some responsibilities you have to fellow believers? For each, suggest how it could help a fellow believer who is facing social persecution or some other discouragement.  
1:22 – 2:3; 2:17; 3:8–12; 4:8–11; 5:1–5

**Recurring Questions**

- » How have you seen God working in your life or the lives of those around you this week?
- » What prayer requests would you like to share with the group, including prayer for any spiritual struggles you may be experiencing?