

# Goldstone Church

## Small Group Questions

### 1 Peter 5:12-14

#### For Starting

- If you were to sail around the world, what name would you give to your boat? Why?
- What is the story behind a scar that you have?
- If you could go back in time, what advice would you give to yourself at age 13?
- What definition of God's grace do you use in your life?

#### For Reviewing

- How does Peter describe Silas (v.12a)?
- Why would Peter include the instruction to "stand fast" (v.12b)? How does a Christian "stand fast" in the grace of God?
- What links the church in Rome ("she who is in Babylon") with "my son Mark" (v.13)?
- Although Peter is writing to persecuted Christians, what blessing does he declare over them as he closes his letter (v.14)?

#### For Discussion

- What would you say to someone to encourage them to follow Jesus more wholeheartedly or for the first time?
- Share about a way you have been helped by another Christian who has gone through trials, difficulties or persecutions.
- Under what circumstances might Christians doubt that "this is the true grace of God"?  
What do we need to encourage us in such circumstances?
- "*When we depend on God's grace, we can endure suffering and turn trials into triumphs.*" Do you agree/disagree? Is this too simplistic? How does this impact our Christian lives today?
- What does Peter mean by "*Greet one another with a kiss of love*"? How does this show how Christians should treat one another today?
- You could end by reading together 1 Peter 5:14.

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### Final Greetings

<sup>12</sup> With the help of Silas, whom I regard as a faithful brother, I have written to you briefly, encouraging you and testifying that this is the true grace of God. Stand fast in it.

<sup>13</sup> She who is in Babylon, chosen together with you, sends you her greetings, and so does my son Mark. <sup>14</sup> Greet one another with a kiss of love.

Peace to all of you who are in Christ.



**THIS IS THE TRUE GRACE OF GOD,  
STAND FIRM IN IT**