"The Final Warning" – Hope-Filled Living Blue Mtn Church – March 28th, 2021

1 Peter 5:6-14

- 1. Now that the series is complete, how did you feel about studying the book of 1 Peter? Was it a book you enjoyed more or less than others?
- 2. What was one lesson or idea that you learned from this series that will stick with you?
- 3. Now that we've gone through the whole letter, do you think the idea of life in exile has more to speak to us today than you did at the outset? Or maybe you are less convinced? Explain.

Read 1 Peter 5:8-9

- 4. What do you think it is about suffering that makes it such a lonely and isolating experience?
- 5. Would you say that, on a regular basis, you consider yourself to be "watchful" for the work of the enemy in your life? What do you think about how the enemy works in our lives today?

Read Matthew 4:1-11

- 6. What stands out as most significant to you about the responses of Jesus to the temptations of the enemy?
 - a. Do you think it is descriptive or prescriptive for us that Jesus directly quoted Scripture each time in response? More simply, do you think this is just an interesting bit of information about the story, or do you think that this mode of response is what we are called to emulate?
 - b. Why do you think it was so important that Jesus responded to the devil in this way?
 - c. What are ways that you could better internalize the Scriptures in order to combat the enemy, or as Peter said earlier in the letter, to be ready whenever anyone asks for the reason for your hope?

Read 1 Peter 5:10-11

- 7. What does it mean to you when Peter says that you will have "suffered a little while"?
- 8. How does living in light of eternity change the way you engage with suffering, the enemy, or even setbacks in life?

- 9. Let's pick apart each of the verbs used to describe the work God will do in us in verse 10. What do you think it means, and what does it make you think of, that God will:
 - a. Restore you?
 - b. Confirm you?
 - c. Strengthen you?
 - d. Establish you?
- 10. What is one thing about the eternal glory of God in His kingdom that you are most excited about?
- 11. Didn't have time to get to it, but... what's the deal with that holy kiss (v. 14)?

Enjoy, friends:)