



Small Group Discussion Questions

Following the Weekend of July 11-12, 2026

No need to answer every question. Feel free to jump around.

Resist and Stand

(1 Peter 5:8-9)

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Group Interaction & Application

Read aloud together 1 Peter 5:8-9. (Optional: Read John 10:10 aloud together)

What words, phrases, concepts, or images from these verses stand out to you as you just read them, or create curiosity for you in some way?

These verses use strong language that isn't meant to bring fear, but awareness. Even so, how does this strong language sit with you?

What aspects of Pastor Mariana's message gave you fresh insight into this passage, or helped you the most in understanding these verses and what we experience here?

Pastor Mariana mentioned a lion's roar is meant to cause fear, scare others away, and take that territory. Can you think of a time when the enemy used fear to take territory away from you?

She also talked about a World Cup game where simply by watching Brazil's star player warm up on the sidelines caused Japan to lose their nerve and they lost the game. She pointed out that the

player didn't need to even touch the ball to win the game. Can you think of a time the enemy simply inserted fear or lies into a situation to wreak havoc without actually causing anything to happen?

Peter tells us to resist the devil. Pastor Mariana pointed out that his native language is lies and resisting him involves resisting his lies. How easy or difficult do you find that to be?

What have you found to be the most effective way to tell truth and lies apart?

How have you invited Jesus to share his perspective on lies you've been told?

Peter also tells us to stand in faith. If faith were a physical place you could stand within, what do you imagine that would look or feel like?

Pastor Mariana said standing in faith isn't about dodging bullets, it's about abiding in Christ. When you stand in Christ you don't stand for victory, you stand from victory. For you, what are the warning signs that show you you're not abiding or standing in Christ?

When you become aware of that, what do you do to abide and stand in Him?

If you applied one thing from Pastor Mariana's sermon or our conversation to your own life, what one thing could make the biggest difference in your life?

Conclude by praying for one another in taking practical next steps in applying this weekend's message and group discussion, after which pray for group needs and concerns.

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