

***RIVERSIDE ANGLICAN CHURCHES***  
QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION OR REFLECTION –  
1 Peter 5:8-14

1. What does it mean to be sober minded? Why do you think Peter mentions it three times during the letter (1 Peter 1:13; 4:7; 5:8)?
2. Throughout the letter Peter directs us to consider our future ((1 Peter 1:4-5, 13, 17; 4:7; 5:1). How does this help us understand what it is to be watchful?
3. What does Peter tell us about the devil?
4. Which mistake do you think you are most in danger of: trivialising & ignoring the devil or becoming over fearful and fixated upon the devil? Why do you think this is the case?
5. Look up these passages, what do they tell us about what Jesus has already accomplished?
  - a. Mark 3:22-27 (Mat 12:28-29)
  - b. John 12:23-33
  - c. 1 John 3:8
6. How do the above passages help us to be alert but not alarmed?
7. What action does Peter direct us to take (v9)? How can you do this?
8. What steps could you take to be more prayerful for your Christian brothers and sisters in other parts of the world who are experiencing intense griefs and trials? How are they an encouragement to you? (v9)
9. The devil can't really harm us and God gives us the resources to resist him. However, it is still entirely possible for him to make life pretty miserable ( see book of Job or 2 Cor 12:7!). What hope do we have in the midst of such times – v10?