

## THE HOPE OF RESTORATION

As preached on Sunday, May 24<sup>th</sup>

**Read:** 1 Peter 5:6-11

1. Peter wrote this letter to a church who were being persecuted for their faith. In what ways is the “persecution” of today’s COVID-19 pandemic similar? How is it different?
2. In vv.6-7 we’re told to cast all of our anxiety on God. What type of anxiety are you experiencing right now? What would it look like to entrust that anxiety to God?
3. In vv.8-9 we’re reminded that we’re not alone in our struggles. Peter references the family of believers worldwide. How are Christians worldwide united? How are humans worldwide united in the midst of this pandemic?
4. In v.10 we’re assured that God himself will restore us. What do you think that restoration looks like? When do you think that restoration will come?
5. Look back to v.6. What role does “consent” play as we await God’s restoration?
6. Will you consent to God’s caring work within you in this season? If so, take some time this week to reflect on that and to entrust yourself to God’s care.