

Sermon: Faithful Shepherds, Humble Flock
Series: 1 Peter: Hardships, Holiness, and Hope

Scripture: 1 Peter 5:1-5
Date: November 22, 2020

OBSERVATION -- As a group, talk through and summarize the passage. Think through *Who, What, Where, When, How, Why* questions together.

INTERPRETATION -- Answer these questions together:

1) What does this passage teach us about God?

- a) How does Peter stress the sovereign control of God in this passage?
- b) What do you think “God opposes the proud, but gives grace to the humble” means?

2) What does this passage teach us about us (mankind)?

- a) Peter outlines the work of an elder (know, feed, lead, protect the flock), and the heart of an elder (willing, not greedy, humble). Why are these characteristics so important for elders? For all Christians? How do they reflect the Chief Shepherd, Jesus?
- b) Peter calls everyone in the church to humility (v.5). How does Peter demonstrate his own humility in this section? Why is humility so necessary for the church to reflect Christ and be fruitful in the gospel?

3) What does this passage teach us about grace/salvation? How does it point to Christ?

- a) How does knowing that Jesus is our Chief Shepherd encourage you? How does it help you take some of the weight off of your pastor’s shoulders?
- b) Verse 4 gives the elder/pastor their motivation. What is it? Why is it so important for all in ministry to only place their expectation on the reward of God, not man?

APPLICATION

- a) Is there anything that makes it difficult for you to trust your leaders including pastors?
- b) Pastor Mark listed four ways we can humbly relate to our pastors: 1) Respect them, 2) Love them, 3) Be a joy to them, 4) Pray for them. Which of these stands out to you? What is a specific way you can bring joy to your pastors/elders this week?

FIGHTER VERSES: 1 Peter 5:6-11.

PRAYER

Thank God for your pastor/elders. Take some time and pray for your pastors/elders together.

Confess any ways (active or passive) that you have made ministry difficult for your pastors.

Ask God to help you relate humbly to your elders, loving, respecting, and praying for them.