

Leadership Through Discipleship

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1 PETER 5:1-5

Using This Study

❶ EXAMINE His Word

What does God SAY? Open your time with prayer. The words God uses to communicate matters, so go back and pay close attention to the details that are emphasized or repeated in the passage.

❷ EXPLORE His Word

What does God MEAN? Asking questions of the text helps surface how the details relate to the message God wants to communicate.

❸ EMBRACE His Word

Why does it MATTER to me? Embrace God by responding to what you discover in His word in faith and obedience.



Today we will look at the first part of 1 Peter Chapter 5. Peter gives specific instruction to the elders that are in the churches that he is writing to. However, the instruction that is given can be applied to all believers. The call to humility and caring for others is not something that is restricted to leadership. The mission of our church is to “love God, love people, and make fully devoted followers of Christ.” In our effort to make followers of Christ we have to disciple well. The call to shepherd others can give us insight on how to be a good disciple maker. Today we will look at how we can all apply the characteristics of being a shepherd to our lives and how this will help us make disciples for Christ.



1 EXAMINE His Word

What does God SAY? Prayerfully note significant details and terms emphasized in the passage.

Read I Peter 5:1-5 (NET)

So as your fellow elder and a witness of Christ's sufferings and as one who shares in the glory that will be revealed, I urge the elders among you:

² Give a shepherd's care to God's flock among you, exercising oversight not merely as a duty but willingly under God's direction, not for shameful profit but eagerly.

³ And do not lord it over those entrusted to you, but be examples to the flock.

⁴ Then when the Chief Shepherd appears, you will receive the crown of glory that never fades away.

⁵ In the same way, you who are younger, be subject to the elders. And all of you, clothe yourselves with humility toward one another, because God *opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble*.

2 EXPLORE His Word

What does God MEAN?

1. What does it mean to be a shepherd?
2. In this passage who is instructed to be humble and why?

3. What are some of the challenges associated with being a shepherd?
4. What characteristics of being a shepherd can all believers apply to their lives?
5. In verse 3 there is a warning not to “lord it over” them. What does this mean and how can it be avoided?
6. Verse 5 says, “*God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble.*” This is a quote from Proverbs 3:34. What are some examples in the life of Christ that show Him opposing the proud and giving grace to the humble?
7. The quote in question 6 says God opposes the proud but there is no instruction for us to do the same. How are we to treat the proud?

③ EMBRACE His Word

Why does this MATTER to me?

Summarize your thoughts on the passage:

Write about what God wants you to KNOW, to FEEL, and to DO...

SERMON NOTES