



Week 11

Sermon Series: Sojourners & Exiles: 1 Peter

Sermon Title: Humble Shepherd, Humble Sheep

Sermon Text: 1 Peter 5:1-5

Group Week of: November 13, 2022

Sermon Date: November 20, 2022

Scriptures for Additional Daily Studies	
Day 1	Qualifications of an Elder – 1 Tim 3:1-7
Day 2	Qualifications of an Elder – Titus 1:5-9
Day 3	Humility – Philippians 2:1-11
Day 4	Christ Our Shepherd – John 10:1-18
Day 5	God, Humility, & Glory – James 4:4-10

The Text

¹To the elders among you, I appeal as a fellow elder and a witness of Christ’s sufferings who also will share in the glory to be revealed: ²Be shepherds of God’s flock that is under your care, watching over them—not because you must, but because you are willing, as God wants you to be; not pursuing dishonest gain, but eager to serve; ³not lording it over those entrusted to you, but being examples to the flock. ⁴And when the Chief Shepherd appears, you will receive the crown of glory that will never fade away.

⁵In the same way, you who are younger, submit yourselves to your elders. All of you, clothe yourselves with humility toward one another, because,

“God opposes the proud
but shows favor to the humble.”

Textual Questions

- 1) What is the message God and Peter are speaking to the church in Asia Minor (and to you) through this passage?
- 2) What responsibility have elders been tasked with according to this text?
- 3) What is the proper motivation to engage in the shepherding work as an elder?

Discussion Guide Questions

- 1) In a church, who is responsible to vet an elder to see if they are qualified—the elder council, a search committee, the voting members of the congregation, or a combination of these things? Discuss your answers to this question with your group.

- 2) Although an elder may begin their office with the right motives, often times impure motives take over down the road. Shepherding the flock can be hard work, and often using authority to “lord over” the flock replaces sacrificial love. When this happens to an elder, who should confront them and how? Should the elder stop being an elder, or should they remain an elder? Discuss your answers to this question with your group.

- 3) What does it mean to “shepherd the flock”? Write out a list of things involved in shepherding the flock below, and discuss with your group.

- 4) Of the list that was written, how many of those things should we be doing for one another at all times, and not simply wait for elders to do for us? Again, discuss with your group.

- 5) It is important for elders to shepherd from a willing love while looking forward to a heavenly reward (the crown of glory). This is the same for every believer in every work. How do you make sure to serve God in love willingly while looking to a heavenly reward? What happens when you don’t do this, but serve anyway?

- 6) Although everyone in a church is called to submit to the elders, Peter singles out the younger people before instructing all of us to clothe ourselves with humility.
 - i. When is submission to elders difficult to do (regardless of age)?

 - ii. Why do the younger people need to be singled out for submission?

- 7) Mutual humility towards all believers is rooted in God’s opposition and favor (v 5). Where is pride making a mess in your life? How can you be clothed in humility in this area? Share your struggle with your life group, and ask them to pray for you.