

“Servant Leaders” **1 Peter 5:1-4**

1. Peter addresses the elders and he identifies himself as one who held the same office. Peter was speaking to them from a place of experience but his authority came from the fact that he was an apostle and witness of Christ’s sufferings. Along with sharing in Christ’s sufferings (4:13), what do believers also share in according to 1 Peter 5:1?

2. What command does Peter give in 1 Peter 5:2?

What commands did Jesus give to Peter in John 21:15-17?

The Greek word is *poimante* which means “to tend, shepherd, feed”. Besides feeding, what other spiritual duties and responsibilities does a shepherd have for his flock?

3. Peter gives three pairs of negative and positive exhortations in his charge to elders. What are they?
 - Exercising oversight...not _____
 - Not for sordid gain...but _____
 - Nor yet as lording it over...but proving to be _____

From these exhortations, what is to be the motive behind our ministry?

4. What does Ezekiel 34:2-3 say in regards to shepherds who serve with false motives?

What or who are they ultimately most concerned about?

What does Ezekiel 34:4-5 say will happen to a flock under false shepherds? Why?

5. As shepherds and ministers of the Gospel, we are to not lord our authority and oversight over those entrusted to our care but we are to serve as humble examples for our people to follow.

By God’s grace, how can we serve as a model to others of a mature Christian character?

6. Read 1 Peter 1:4 and 5:4. Jesus Christ, the Chief Shepherd is our ultimate example of servant-leadership. When Christ returns, we will not only share in His Glory, but what else we receive as His faithful followers?