

A DISTINCT CHURCH

WE WILL LOOK TO AUTHENTIC AND SACRIFICIAL LEADERS

1 PETER 5:1-5

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1. Understand		1 Peter 5:1–5 (ESV)
	(vv. 1-2a)	1 So I exhort the elders among you, as a fellow elder and a witness of the suffering of Christ, as well as a partaker in the glory that is going to be revealed: 2 shepherd the flock of God that is among you, exercising oversight, not under compulsion but willingly, as God would have you; not for shameful gain, but eagerly; 3 not domineering over those in your charge, but being examples to the flock. 4 And when the chief Shepherd appears, you will receive the unfading crown of glory. 5 Likewise, you who are younger, be subject to the elders. Clothe yourselves, all of you
2. Lead	(vv. 2b-3)	with humility toward one another, for "Goo opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble."
3. Work	(v. 4)	
4. Make	(v. 5)	
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APPLICATION QUESTIONS

- 1. **Read 1 Peter 5:1-4**. As you consider how this passage exhorts your church leaders, how can you faithfully pray for them? What are some specific things you should pray for your pastors based off this passage?
- 2. As you look at the three contrasting phrases in 1 Peter 5:2b-3 (not under compulsion but willingly; not for shameful gain, but eagerly; not domineering, but by example), how should these exemplary things affect areas of leadership and/or ministry in your own life?
- 3. **Read 1 Corinthians 9:24-27**. In what ways should divine approval and eternal rewards have a greater impact on your own life and motivations?
- 4. **Read 1 Corinthians 11:1**. What would make you most hesitant to say this to another Christian? In other words, in what area would you most like to see your Christian life be more exemplary?
- 5. **Read Hebrews 13:17**. Why do you think this passage says that discouraged leaders would be "of no advantage to you"? How can you contribute to a joyful church culture of respectful submission?

RECOMMENDED RESOURCES

Here are some books which may help you dig deeper into what we studied today. While Pastor Ben cannot endorse everything about each book/author, he does think these books are worth considering and reading.

Lutzer, Erwin. Your Eternal Reward. Moody Publishers, 2015.

MacArthur, John. Biblical Doctrine. Crossway, 2017. Note chapter 9 - "The Church: Ecclesiology."

Prime, Derek J. and Alistair Begg. On Being a Pastor. Moody, 2013.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Pray for your pastors to follow the instruction of 1 Peter 5:1-4.

Pray that God would raise up many more faithful pastors in our nation.

Pray that our church would have a culture of respectful submission.

Pray that 2023 is the most faithful and fruitful year of evangelism in your life.

Pray that God will provide a long-term home for CBCTV through the Taking Ground project.

REVIVAL FROM THE BIBLE READING

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Date	Old Testament	New Testament
6/19	Jeremiah 1-3	Romans 10
6/20	Jeremiah 4-5	Romans 11
6/21	Jeremiah 6-8	Romans 12:1-13
6/22	Jeremiah 9-11	Romans 12:14-21
6/23	Jeremiah 12-14	Romans 13
6/24	Jeremiah 15-17	Romans 14