

The Heart of the Matter

15. What responsibilities do church leaders have to the people in our church? What responsibilities do the people have to our leaders? How can we improve as a church?

16. What tactics does Satan use in his attempt to defeat us as God's people? What should we do (Eph. 6:11-18)?

17. How can our suffering strengthen us in our relationship with Christ and with each other?

Praises and Prayer Requests



Life Group Study Guide

Our Fellowship
is a Flock
1 Peter 5:1-11

For the Week of February 14, 2021

Getting Started

1. What idea, thought or application stood out to you from this past Sunday's message?
2. Who are some church leaders who have positively impacted your life? How did they impact you? What qualities in their leadership stood out?
3. What are characteristics of a good shepherd (John 10:1-15)? Contrast that with a stranger, a thief and a hired hand?
4. Our fellowship can be compared to a flock of sheep? What are similarities? What are differences?

Digging Deeper

5. Read 1 Peter 5:1-11. To whom was Peter writing (1 Peter 1:1)? On what basis does the Apostle Peter appeal to the church leaders (1 Peter 5:1)?

6. How had Peter come to follow Jesus (Luke 5:1-11)? How had Peter gotten to know Jesus?

7. What did Peter instruct the leaders of the churches in Asia Minor to do (1 Peter 5:2)? What is the significance of the use of the analogy of a shepherd and sheep (Ps 23:1-4; Isa 40:11; John 10:11; Acts 20:28)?

8. List four characteristics of a good shepherd/leader (1 Peter 5:2-3)? Explain the significance of each one.

9. Why did God criticize Israel's shepherds in Ezekiel 34:1-6? What can help us be more caring for needy, hurting and lost people?

10. What kind of example are we to set for other believers (1 Tim 4:12)? What kind of reward are believers to anticipate receiving?

11. Why are we to act humbly in all of our relationships (1 Peter 5:5; Philippians 2:3-4)? What are specific marks of humility that are outlined for spiritual leaders and believers in 1 Peter 5:1-7?

12. Who is our adversary individually and as a church (1 Peter 5:7-9)? Why is he compared to a "roaring lion"?

13. How had Peter failed to live humbly and what were the results of the adversary's assault on him (Luke 22:31-34)? How are we to respond when our adversary assaults us (1 Peter 5:9; James 4:6-8)?

14. In our resisting Satan's assaults and in our suffering, what promises does God give us (1 Peter 5:10-11)? When have you experienced this in your life?