

Follow the Leader

Series: Together Through It All

Scripture: 1 Peter 5:1-5

Introduction

This passage speaks of the role of pastoral _____ in the church.

*They are elders – speaking of _____ within the flock.

*They are overseers – speaking of _____ of the flock.

*They are shepherds – speaking of _____ to the flock.

Peter exhorts them from his own calling and _____.

So I exhort the elders among you, as a fellow elder and a witness of the sufferings of Christ, as well as a partaker in the glory that is going to be revealed . . . 1 Peter 5:1

‘Simon, Simon, behold Satan demanded to have you, that he might sift you like wheat, but I have prayed for you that your faith may not fail. And when you have turned again, strengthen your brothers.’ Luke 22:31-32

He said to him the third time, ‘Simon, son of John, do you love me?’ Peter was grieved because he said to him the third time, ‘Do you love me?’ and he said to him, ‘Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you.’ Jesus said to him, ‘Feed my sheep.’ John 21:17

The Role of Pastors in the Church

1. _____ the flock of God

. . . shepherd the flock of God that is among you . . . 1 Peter 5:2a

a. _____ the flock

And I will give you shepherds after my own heart, who will feed you with knowledge and understanding. Jeremiah 3:15

b. _____ the flock

Know well the condition of your flocks . . . Proverbs 27:23

c. _____ the flock

Be on guard for yourselves and for all the flock of which the Holy Spirit has appointed you as overseers, to shepherd the church of God, which he purchased with his own blood.
Acts 20:28, CSB

d. _____ the flock

He chose David his servant and took him from the sheep pens . . . He shepherded them with a pure heart and guided them with his skillful hands. Psalm 78:70, 72, CSB

2. Provide _____

Shepherd the flock of God that is among you, exercising oversight . . .
1 Peter 5:2a

a. Serve _____

. . . not under compulsion, but willingly as God would have you. (v. 2b)

b. Serve _____

. . . not for shameful gain, but eagerly. (v. 2c)

c. Serve _____

. . . not domineering over those in your charge, but being examples to the flock.
(v. 3)

d. Serve under the leadership of _____

And when the chief Shepherd appears, you will receive the unfading crown of glory. (v. 4)

e. Serve _____

Likewise, you who are younger, be subject to the elders. Clothe yourselves, all of you, with humility toward one another, for 'God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble.' 1 Peter 5:5

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