

1 Peter 5:1-7

Remember

Talk through the main events of Peter's life.

- Mark 8 - Who do men say that I am?
- Denial -
- Restoration - John 21
- Acts 2 - Sermon at Pentecost
- Acts 10 - Peter's theology gets turned around

Deepen

What about Peter could be an encouragement to us?

How do you see God preparing Peter to be a leader of leaders?

Why is it important to remember that a church is to have multiple shepherds?

What could make this hard for the shepherds?

Why is it important for shepherds to remember that the church is the flock of God? for the church?

“Shepherd the Flock with Confidence”

Why is confidence important for leaders of God's flock?

Talk about the three phrases that describe the oversight of an elder, How can you apply these to the ways in which God has called you to serve in your own life? i.e. - how can you do your job willingly rather than under compulsion? What would that change about how you viewed/conducted your job?

Brian said, "If you find yourself regularly saying, "Because I said so...", you are losing the battle of influence. Discuss in the venue of home and work.

Transform

Read 1 Peter 5:6-7.

How does God's power "God's mighty hand" and God's love "because He cares for you" encourage the expression of humility? Why are both necessary?

Piper - Pride is the failure to realize deeply that without Christ we can do nothing. And so the proud heart starts to feel that it can be self-reliant. And then it begins to feel that it is indispensable. And then it starts to act that way and exalt itself and seek the praise of men.

How can we fight this tendency in our lives?

What cares do you need to cast on the arms of God today?

What keeps you from doing that?

CG Leaders:As part of your prayer time tonight please remember to pray for the men who are preparing to be elders.