



Read I Peter 5:1-4

1. Have you experienced good leadership in a church?
2. Have you experienced bad leadership in a church? Share your experiences.

v.1

1. Who were these local elders that Peter addressed?
2. How important would be pastoral leadership to a suffering congregation?
3. What is the threefold basis for Peter's exhortation?

v.2-3

See John 21:16 and Acts 20:28

1. What are the functions of a shepherd? How does this transfer to pastoral work in the church? Whose flock is it?
2. In verse 2 we see that the motivation to serve as an elder should be divine rather than human. Discuss the pitfalls of desiring to serve as an elder for selfish reasons.

v.3

How does this teaching relate to Jesus' teaching about servant leadership in Mark 10:45?

v.4

1. The promise of future reward is prominent in scripture. How *does* this teaching affect the way we live now?
2. How *should* it affect the way we live?
3. How is this idea counter cultural to our mentality today?