

Discussion Questions for Families and Groups

Open It!

Share how a leader has had a significant impact on your life.

Consider It!

What does it mean to be an Elder (5:1-2)?

What are the prohibitions for serving as elders ("not" 5:2-3)?

What are three positive leadership attributes ("but" 5:2-3)?

Who do elders serve (5:4)?

Who are the young (5:5)?

Why do we tend to want to be first, to be in charge, or control outcomes (Isaiah 53:6; Mark 10:35-45)? How is this tendency evident among toddlers in the church nursery? How is it evident in church families?

Why were all believers encouraged to clothe themselves with humility (5:5)?

How should these verses influence our selection of elders?

How do these verses inform your prayers for church leaders?

What do you appreciate about the leadership of the pastors and elders in your church?

Live It!

Write a note to express your appreciation for the service of one or more of our elders.

First Free Elders: Brent Allmendinger, Jim Ziel, Chuck Leib, Carl Dailing, and Tom Reilly

Pray for these elders on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month.

Studies in First Peter

Follow the Leader

1 Peter 5:1-5

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1 Peter 5:1–5 (NIV)

Introduction

Elder - Younger

Sermon Question

Who Should Lead the Church?

Those Who Have a Shepherd's Heart

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1 Peter 5:1-2 (NIV)

Those Who Know Who's Chief

And when the Chief Shepherd appears, you will receive the crown of glory that will never fade away.

1 Peter 5:4 (NIV)

Those Who Are Motivated to Serve

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1 Peter 4:2-3 (NIV)

Those Who Are Clothed with Humility

All of you, clothe yourselves with humility toward one another, because, "God opposes the proud but shows favor to the humble."

1 Peter 5:5 (NIV)